

## TUESDAY

### “ ‘Sir, Give Me This Water’ ”

- Jesus used illustrations from natural world
  - to explain spiritual concepts
- Nicodemus = offer of being born again
  - rebirth; new creation in Christ
- Women at well = offered living water = well of
  - eternal life/purity/spiritually-refreshing sustenance
- Both took His words literally = w/o spiritual comprehension

**John 4:10** <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.” **John 4:13–14** “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

**John 4:15** Woman’s response = give me this water that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw [conversation shifted from Him asking her for drink to her asking Him]

**John 4:16** Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”

- Jesus changes topic—why? He could read her heart—knew she was avoiding her past
- She must face her situation to find healing

**Jeremiah 2:13** “For My people have committed two evils: **They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters,** And hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water. [stagnate water seeps out]

**Ezekiel 36:25–27** reflects truth = Nicodemus/woman at well

“ ‘Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; **I will cleanse you** from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them’ ”

- **I will cleanse you** = spiritual cleansing from sin
- **1 John 5:17** All unrighteousness = sin= **1 John 1:9**
- New heart = renewed Covenant = indwelling Holy Spirit
- **Psalms 51:10** Create [bara—only God can bara] clean heart
- **Romans 5:5** empowering us to walk in loving obedience to Him
- 10 Commandments = Charter of Rights—foundation/govt love
  - boundaries of love = specify His rights as Sovereign Creator / rights of humanity

- New Covenant promise **Jeremiah 31:31-34** repeated in:

**Hebrews 8:7–13** <sup>7</sup>For if that first [former] covenant [referring to book of the Law = civil/social/religious ceremonial practices/ feast days w/ annual Sabbaths] had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. <sup>8</sup>Because finding fault with them, He says: “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—<sup>9</sup>not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD. <sup>10</sup>For this is the covenant [new/renewed covenant] that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. [referring to 10 Commandment Law of love = Charter of Rights for His government of love] <sup>11</sup>None of

them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. <sup>12</sup>For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." <sup>13</sup>In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

### **LIVING WATER = HOLY SPIRIT / BORN AGAIN EXPERIENCE**

Grace/salvation in Jesus Christ/life-giving power of Holy Spirit

**2 Peter 1:3–4** <sup>3</sup>as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, <sup>4</sup>by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

**John 7:37–39** <sup>37</sup>On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup>He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." <sup>39</sup>But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive...

Through Jesus, God provided new beginning—new genesis—for the human race.