

A vibrant, multi-tiered waterfall cascades over mossy, dark grey rocks in a dense, lush forest. The water flows in numerous thin, white streams, creating a misty atmosphere. The surrounding vegetation is rich and green, featuring various ferns, mosses, and other forest plants. The scene is captured with a long exposure, giving the water a soft, ethereal quality. The overall mood is serene and refreshing.

THE DRINK THAT REFRESHES

A Drink of Water That Refreshes

John 4:1-14

Jesus doesn't offer more stuff; what He promises is refreshment. "Living water" is inward spiritual quenching of the life thirst of the individual. True refreshment is a spiritual condition, not a physical, emotional, or psychological condition

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John 4:1-14

Acts 3:19

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

I. The Need is Universal (vv. 1-4)

What we know about Samaria

Not a place a Jew would want to go

Samaritan history of wrong worship

Jeroboam instituted calf worship, animosity
between the northern and southern kingdoms

I. The Need is Universal (vv. 1-4)

722 BC the Assyrians took the Northern kingdoms captive resulting in intermarriage and muddling between the Jews and other nations and religions.

586 BC Babylon destroyed the temple. The Samaritans wanted to help rebuild it, but the Jews wouldn't allow it.

I. The Need is Universal (vv. 1-4)

330 BC the Samaritans built a rival temple on Mount Gerizim, instituting a rival worship system.

Jews would go the long way to avoid Samaria
People in Samaria needed the gospel

Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman

He was a Jew; she was a Samaritan

He was a Pharisee; she had a rival religion

He was a politician; she had no status

He was a scholar; she was uneducated

He was highly moral; she was immoral

Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman

He was named; she was nameless

He was a man; she was a woman

He came at night; she came at noon

He sought Jesus; Jesus sought her

Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman

Nicodemus represents the truth that no one is
above the need for the gospel

Samaritan woman represents that you can't be
too low to be noticed and wanted by
Christ

II. The Task is Formidable (vv. 5-7)

Jesus and his disciples walked to Samaria in the heat of the day, wearing sandals, they were weary

Tired while serving others

Jesus was always surrounded by others; He worked late into the night and rarely had time alone

Jesus reached out to people even on the edge of physical exhaustion

II. The Task is Formidable (vv. 5-7)

To do something great requires great energy

Have you ever wearied yourself in the pursuit of
the souls of others?

Why would a missionary weary self to reach
others?

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Because Jesus said Go! (Matthew 28:19)

Most of the world doesn't know the gospel

It's been 2000 years, but most people haven't
heard the gospel

We can't all go across the world, but we can go
across the street

III. The Heart is Invisible (vv. 8-12)

Jesus moves the conversation to deeper spiritual
levels

The Samaritan woman doesn't understand it

Old Testament References

Psalm 42:1-2

As the deer pants for the water brooks,
so my soul pants for You, O God.

² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God;

Old Testament References

Isaiah 12:3

Therefore you will joyously draw water
from the springs of salvation.

Old Testament References

Jeremiah 2:13

For My people have committed two evils:
They have forsaken Me,
The fountain of living waters,
To hew for themselves cisterns,

Old Testament References

Jeremiah 2:13

Broken cisterns

That can hold no water

People are thirsty

They don't admit it

They don't recognize it

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Both Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman respond to Jesus in a literal way because spiritual truth is foolishness to the natural man (1 Corinthians 2:14)

¹⁴ But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised

IV. The Savior is Capable (vv. 13-14)

What He promises, He can perform

"If only" syndrome

Permanent refreshment comes from Jesus,
supernaturally

When Christ is in you, you don't have to look on
the outside