



Shockingly Good

"He[Jesus] had to go through Samaria on the way. 5 Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. 7 Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Please give me a drink.' 8 He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.9 The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, 'You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?'

10 Jesus replied, 'If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.'11 'But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket,' she said, 'and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? 12 And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?'13 Jesus replied, 'Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again.14 But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.'15 'Please, sir,' the woman said, 'give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water.' 16 'Go and get your husband,' Jesus told her. 17 'I don't have a husband,' the woman replied. Jesus said, 'You're right! You don't have a husband—18 for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!'

25 The woman said, 'I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.' 26 Then Jesus told her, 'I am the Messiah!' 27 Just then his disciples came back. They were ______to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, 'What do you want with her?' or 'Why are you talking to her?'

28 The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, 29 'Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?' 30 So the people came streaming from the village to see him.

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