

Give Me A Drink; John 4:7-10

I. Hermeneutic

- A. A fancy word that means how we study the Bible
- B. Command, example, and inference
- C. Sometimes we get so caught up with this that we forget the simple truths

II. Give Me A Drink

- A. John 4:7–10 (ESV); ⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”
- B. Jesus is going from Judea to Galilee
- C. Most Jews would go to the Jordan then turn north to avoid Samaria
- D. It is about noon and Jesus is just sitting by the well (apparently people bring their own buckets to draw water with, verse 11)
- E. “Give me a drink” is Jesus’ conversation starter
- F. Most scholars agree, because of the time of day (noon), that this woman was an outcast; some even say that there may have been a well closer to the city
- G. He immediately alludes to him being the Messiah
 - 1. She was familiar with the Jewish hope of the Messiah (verse 25)
 - 2. She was an outcast of Samaria (Samaria was an outcast of Israel)
 - 3. I would imagine her life was very hard
 - 4. John 4:16–18 (ESV); ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” ¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”
 - 5. Yet the Messiah chose this well at this time just so He could speak with this outcast woman
- H. I’m sure He chose “give me a drink” because of the picture of living water He paints for her
- I. Her mind is on the chore of coming all the way out to the well in the heat of the day to draw water (she doesn’t want to have to keep doing it, yet Jesus demands that she draw water for Him)

III. Give Me This Water

- A. John 4:11–15 (ESV); ¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” ¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” ¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”
- B. Do you see how the conversation turned from Jesus saying, “Give me a drink” to her saying, “give me this water.”
 - 1. Again, her mind is still on the physical and Jesus is talking about spiritual water
 - 2. Jesus compares the temporary properties of the well water with the eternal properties of the water of life

3. She is still focused on the task of drawing water and being thirsty
 4. We just have to go to the faucet (or even get it delivered to us)
- C. Jesus is using her physical need to explain a spiritual truth — living water (Jesus) equals eternal life!
- D. Sometimes, I think, we get so caught up in meaning and interpretation that we forget the simple truths
- E. Maybe we just have to show people the Savior and they will respond

IV. I Am He

- A. John 4:19–26 (ESV); ¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”
- B. The young woman brings up the differences in their worship
1. This comes from the divided Kingdom when Jeroboam created golden calves at Dan and Bethel and also created a new priesthood (not from the tribe of Levi)
 2. “This mountain” is Mount Gerizim and is next to Sychar.
 3. This is where the Israelites placed the blessings of God when they entered the promised land; they also divided in half and shouted blessings (from Mt Gerizim) and curses (from Mt Ebal) — Deuteronomy 11:29-30; 27:12-26; Joshua 8:33)
 4. Mt Moriah is where Jerusalem is located
 5. The Samaritans worshiped God on Mt Gerizim while the Israelites worshiped God on Mt Moriah (Jerusalem)
- C. Jesus is not here to discuss worship under the Mosaic Law — He is here to usher in the Kingdom of God
1. True worship and worshipers are no longer confined to a geographical location
 2. We worship in spirit and in truth
 3. We worship according to the words of the Holy Spirit written down for us (which is truth)
- D. Jesus tells the woman plainly that He is the Savior she is waiting for (more truth)
- E. People who see Jesus for who He is and what He provides cannot help but show others (just as the woman did)
- F. John 4:39–42 (ESV); ³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”
- G. The people responded to her testimony, “He told me all that I ever did”
- H. The people believed because of His word (truth)
- I. We are supposed to be transformed into the image of His Son
- J. Romans 8:28–29 (ESV); ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom

he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

- K. People can see Jesus in us and hear His words through us
- V. Simplicity
 - A. Our words should be plain and simple
 - B. Jesus is the Christ
 - C. He offers salvation to all who believe and obey