



# FAITHFUL LIGHT CHURCH

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## BIBLE JOURNEYS – NT Volume 1 JESUS IS LORD

### #8 JESUS KNOWS EVERYTHING AND LOVES ME STILL

John 4:1-42



### GOD'S PURPOSE FOR ME

By faith in His blood, Jesus forgives me of my sins,  
When I am born again of water I am set apart as holy for Him,  
When I am born again of His Spirit, I will never thirst again!

#### SCRIPTURE READING:

John 4:13-14 “Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: <sup>14</sup> But **whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him** shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him **shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.**”

Acts 11:16 “Then **remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.**”

**1. INTRODUCTION:** John came calling the Jews to repent of their sins and come back to God by washing themselves in baptism, to prepare for the coming of the Lord who would also baptize them in His Spirit. When Jews were baptized in water they were said to be born again of the water. Jesus told Nicodemus that it was not enough to just be born again of the water, but he must be born again both of the water and of the Holy Spirit to see the kingdom of God.

#### ORDER OF SERVICE:

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| 1. Light Candles & Pray        | 4. Dismiss Kids to Noah's Ark with 'Animals Go Marching Song' |                                 |
| 2. Children's Songs & Story    | 5. Adult Fellowship Break                                     | 7. Bible Lesson & Group Prayer  |
| 3. Intro Gospel Craft/Coloring | 6. Worship Song Set   | 8. Blessing Songs & Benediction |

## **2. MANY MORE WERE BAPTIZED BECAUSE OF JESUS.**

***John 4:1-3** “When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, <sup>2</sup> (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,) <sup>3</sup> He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee.”*

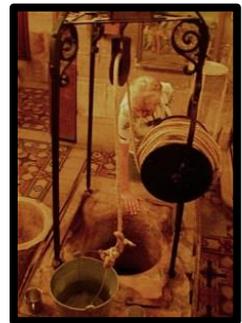
The Pharisees knew that John had come to call God’s people back to repentance, baptizing them to prepare for the coming of the Lord, but now they saw that Jesus had made many more disciples than John, and Jesus knew that he needed to leave Judaea. It was not baptism that concerned the Pharisees, because it was the custom of the Jews to purify themselves by baptizing, but many more Jews came to be baptized because they believed that the Messiah had come. Jesus knew that the Pharisees did not believe He was the Messiah, and were planning to kill Him, so Jesus left Judaea for Galilee, going through Samaria on the way.

***John 4:4-6** “And he must needs go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, **near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.** <sup>6</sup> **Now Jacob's well was there.** Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.”*

### **JACOB’S WELL – WEST BANK** [www.theholyland.net](http://www.theholyland.net)

“Jacob’s Well, where Jesus asked a Samaritan woman for a drink and offered her “living water”, lies in the crypt of a modern Greek Orthodox church at Nablus in the West Bank. It is often considered the most authentic site in the Holy Land — since no one can move a well that was originally more than 40 meters deep. **Jewish, Samaritan, Christian and Muslim traditions all associate the well with Jacob.**

The location, at the entrance to a mountain pass between Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal, is 2km east of Nablus. It is near the archaeological site of Tell Balata — thought to be the biblical Shechem — and about 63km north of Jerusalem. **It was at Shechem that the patriarch Jacob bought “the land on which he had pitched his tent”** (Genesis 33:19).”



**Mouth Of Jacob’s Well**

Jews shunned the Samaritans, crossing the Jordan to avoid them, but Jesus traveled to Galilee through Samaria, because He loved them.

### 3. SAMARITANS WERE NOT ACCEPTED BY FAITHFUL JEWS

*John 4:7-9 “There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. <sup>8</sup> (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) <sup>9</sup> Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.”*



The Jews despised people from Samaria, yet Jacob’s well is located there, so how did Samaritans come to be shunned by Jews? Looking back to the history of Israel we find that the Hebrews of Samaria were taken captive to Assyria and replaced with a heathen people, who identified as Jewish, but were not truly of God.

*2 Kings 17:6-18 “In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, ...<sup>7</sup> For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God...<sup>8</sup> And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. <sup>9</sup> And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the LORD their God...as did the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them...<sup>17</sup> And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments...<sup>18</sup> Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.”*

#### NORTHERN KINGDOM FALLS [www.aish.org](http://www.aish.org)

“The important and obvious lesson to be learned from the above quote, is why the superficial reason for the fall of the Northern Kingdom was linked to the geopolitical realities of the ancient Near East, the real cause was violation of the Torah. With the Jews driven out, who takes their place? The Assyrians bring in a bunch of people from someplace else, who -- because they are now living in Shomron or Samaria -- come to be known as Samaritans. The Samaritans are people who more or less adopt Judaism, but not properly or for the right reasons. Because their conversion is not complete or sincere, they are never accepted by the Jewish people, and they are very resentful.” [www.aish.org](http://www.aish.org)

#### **4. JESUS KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT THE WOMAN, ABOUT YOU, AND ABOUT ME, AND HE LOVES US STILL.**

So now we understand the reason why the Samaritan woman was surprised that Jesus, a Jewish Rabbi, would even speak to her, let alone touch the water cup or anything that she had touched. Why would Jesus choose to save her? And what makes us any better than the woman of Samaria? Nothing. Why would Jesus choose to save you and me when we all sin and fall short of His glory every day?



***Romans 3:9-10** “What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; <sup>10</sup> As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.”*

Like the woman was from heathen people who called themselves Jews while living in sin, we also live amongst a heathen people who call themselves Christians; like these we see attending a Christian nightclub, praising Jesus, while dressing and behaving the same as the world, proudly preaching that their sins are forgiven by God - and that is what being a Christian is all about! But those who truly are saved, turn away from sin because they love God. Jesus loved the people of Samaria and came to bring salvation.



***John 4:10** “Jesus answered and said unto her, **If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee,** Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.”*

If Christians living in sin knew who it is who gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit to praise Him, they could not continue in sin. God’s word commands us to be born again both of Spirit, and of water, to wash away our sins, and rise up to new life, sanctified unto the Lord.

## **5. JESUS OFFERS THE LIVING WATER OF HIS HOLY SPIRIT TO US ALL, THAT BRINGS US TO SALVATION.**

*John 4:11-12 “The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? <sup>12</sup> Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?””*

The woman spoke the truth, that Jesus had come not as just a prophet like the father of the Jewish nation, but He was God Himself with them in human form, giving the promise of His Holy Spirit to come upon them, to fill and immerse them in the power of His presence!

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There are Biblical examples of those who born again of the Spirit before they were born again of the water in baptism, but in every instance, everyone who was saved, was also baptized in water to wash away their sins, completing the new birth of water and of Spirit. Jesus promises in this scripture that His Spirit will spring up until you have everlasting life. The excitement felt by being born of the Holy Spirit, will bring you to obey the Gospel and be baptized in water, and empowered by God just as those recorded in scripture. This woman was convicted of heart when Jesus revealed her sin, and though she did not deserve it, as none of us do, Jesus extends His grace and love, offering the living water of His Spirit to drink.



*John 4:15-19 “The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. <sup>16</sup> Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. <sup>17</sup> The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: <sup>18</sup> For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. <sup>19</sup> The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.”*

## **6. JESUS CONFIRMS THAT HE IS THE MESSIAH & JEW & GENTILE WILL WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER IN SPIRIT.**

*John 4:20-22* “Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. <sup>21</sup> *Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.* <sup>22</sup> *Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.*”

This woman as an unbelieving Jew, knew that the Temple in Jerusalem was the place of worship. Jesus told her that she did not know what she worshipped, but salvation came through the Jews, and the Messiah was now here with her! This was quite remarkable for a woman of Samaria, that God would come to her! Jesus spoke of the Father who performs His work through Him, as being an invisible Spirit, whom true worshippers will worship from His Spirit in their heart wherever they may be!

*John 4:23-24* “But the hour cometh, *and now is*, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. <sup>24</sup> *God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*”



All the Jewish nation had been waiting for the coming of the Messiah to teach them all things and to bring them salvation.

*John 4:25-26* “The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: *when he is come, he will tell us all things.* <sup>26</sup> *Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.*”

Again, Jesus claims to be the Messiah, who was known to be God!

*John 4:27-30* “And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her? <sup>28</sup> The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and *saith to the men,* <sup>29</sup> *Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?* <sup>30</sup> *Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.*”

The woman went quickly to her family and told the men she had found the Christ, and they all came to see!

## **7. THE WILL OF THE FATHER IS FOR HIS DISCIPLES TO GATHER SOULS, FOR MANY ARE READY TO BE SAVED!**

The urgency of our Savior's life on earth, the food that kept Him going, more important than eating, was to do the will of the Father. Where are our hearts today? Don't be afraid to give the word that is sharper than a harvesting sickle, to save someone's life!

*John 4:31-35 "In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. <sup>32</sup> But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. <sup>33</sup> Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? <sup>34</sup> Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. <sup>35</sup> Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."*

We count the months until time to harvest our crops of produce, but cannot see that the harvest of souls around us is ready, and waiting for harvest, but with no one to cut them off from the world and reap them for the Lord; Jesus says to open our eyes and save them!

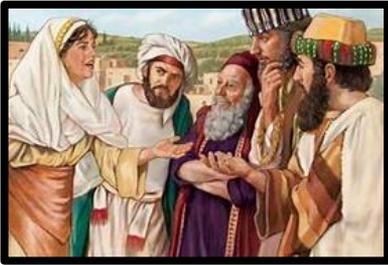
*John 4:36-38 "And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours."*



Your words of life may not seem to make any difference, but they are as the water of life to a thirsting soul, and will grow, then another will come along to harvest. Many years ago, I received Jesus as a child. I did not know how to live my life for God and was still lost in the world, but I knew that God held me in His hand. My aunt Eileen told me of Jesus' over the years - she was sent to water. Then God sent a neighbor who gave me scriptures, and another who prayed with me when with my whole heart, I was ready to serve the Lord. Let's make God's will our meat more important than food!

## **8. MANY WILL BELIEVE WHEN YOU SHARE GOD'S WORD & FIND FOR THEMSELVES THAT JESUS IS LORD.**

In some lives the awareness of God's love for them grows slowly needing others to come along to water, and with others the change is instant like it was with the woman at the well. Who would have thought that a woman so lost in sin would be able to come out of the world to get her life right with God and worship the Lord? Your testimony can save people that you did not know were listening!



*John 4:39-40 “And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified. He told me all that ever I did.”<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.”*

Your testimony given to others, will draw them to seek the Lord Jesus for themselves, so they can know Him and love Him too.

*John 4:41-42 “And many more believed because of his own word;”<sup>42</sup> And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.”*

*Jeremiah 29:11-13 “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.<sup>12</sup> Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.<sup>13</sup> And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.”*

For the child who suffers in a home filled with sorrow, or for those who fell for Satan's tricks or have never heard the good news, Jesus loves you! Seek Him with all your heart, and He will fill you with His Spirit and bring you safely home, so tell others Jesus loves them!

*Jeremiah 31:3 “The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.”*

## 9. GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU AND ME.

1. Remember that Jesus told Nicodemus it is not enough to just be born again of the water, but he must be born again both of the water and of the Holy Spirit to see the kingdom of God
2. While other Jews shunned the Samaritans, Jesus traveled up to Galilee through Samaria because He loved them.
3. The Samaritans were a heathen people, who identified as Jewish, but in their hearts were not committed to love God.
4. God's word says we must be born again both of the Spirit, and also of the water, to wash away our sins, and rise up from the water to new life, sanctified unto the Lord.
5. Jesus offers the living water of His Holy Spirit to us all, that wells up in our hearts and brings us to salvation.
6. Jesus spoke of God as the invisible Spirit, whom true worshippers will worship from His Spirit in their heart wherever they may be!
7. The will of the Father is for His disciples to gather souls, many need a drink of living water, and many are ready to be saved!
8. Many will believe when you share God's word and when they search for Him, will find for themselves that Jesus is Lord!

**Our Dear Father**, thank you for your lovingkindness to find us, save us, and fill us with the living water of your Holy Spirit. Thank you that even though you know everything about us and even the thoughts of our hearts, that you love us still. Thank you that when we make mistakes, you forgive us, and wash us clean in the water of your word; we pray for fresh fire of your Holy Spirit filling us with power to live our lives for you and be filled with joy. May each one of us take into our hearts your love for the lost who are ready and waiting for someone to bring them the living water of your Holy Spirit, and not hold back. Help us each to walk with you and trust you your voice telling us what to say, so we may bring salvation to those who are waiting to hear, for we ask, **in Jesus' name, Amen.**



## **10. CHILDREN'S STORY:**

### **JESUS KNOWS EVERYTHING I DO, AND HE LOVES ME STILL!**



Jesus saw a woman drawing water to drink from a well. Jesus had not met this woman before, but because Jesus is God, He knew everything about her. Jesus told her that He knew she had been married to five husbands, and was now living with a man who was not her husband! Jesus knew that the woman had sinned greatly, but He loved her and wanted her to be saved. Jesus wanted her know that if she would believe in Him that He had living water to give to her, so she would no longer have to be searching for love but she could drink of His Holy Spirit and never be thirsty again! Jesus knew everything about the woman, and He knows everything about you and me and still loves us! Isn't that wonderful?

Tony was a little boy who loved Jesus, but no matter how he tried he kept making mistakes that got him into trouble, and that made Tony feel sad. Tony felt like maybe he just wasn't good enough, and wondered if he was too bad for Jesus to love. Did you know that feeling sad for your sins is just where Jesus wants your heart to be? It is those who think they are so good that they are never sorry, who are in danger. Tony's heart is exactly where Jesus wants his heart to be, because Jesus came to call our hearts to repentance. Feeling sorry for your sins is what makes you want to live your life for God, and He loves you so much!



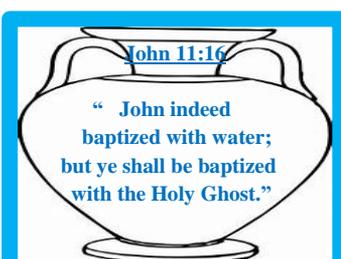
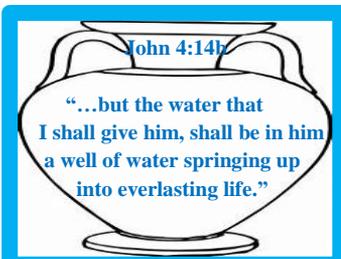
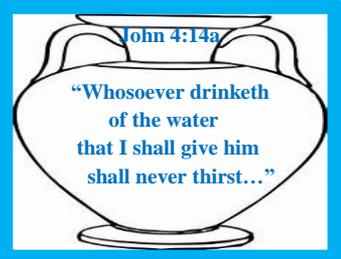
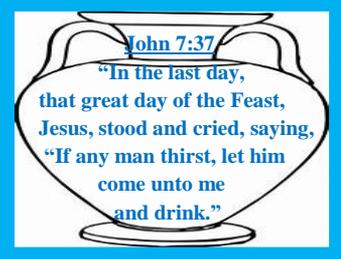
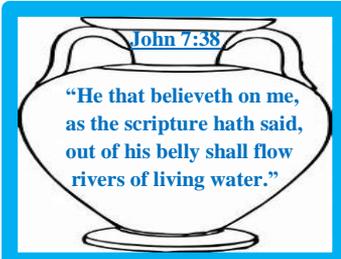
Jesus wants you to know that He knows everything about you, just like He knew everything about the woman at the well, and He loves you! When you ask Him, Jesus comes to live in your heart by His Spirit. Jesus also comes to baptize you in the living water of His Holy Spirit, that gives you power to live for Him, and bubbles up from within you, splashing His love on others everywhere you go!

# 11. GOSPEL CRAFT: JESUS KNOWS & LOVES ME STILL

**DIRECTIONS:** Enlarge & copy to fit 8 1/2 11"; cut out wrap & glue to a 12 oz cup.

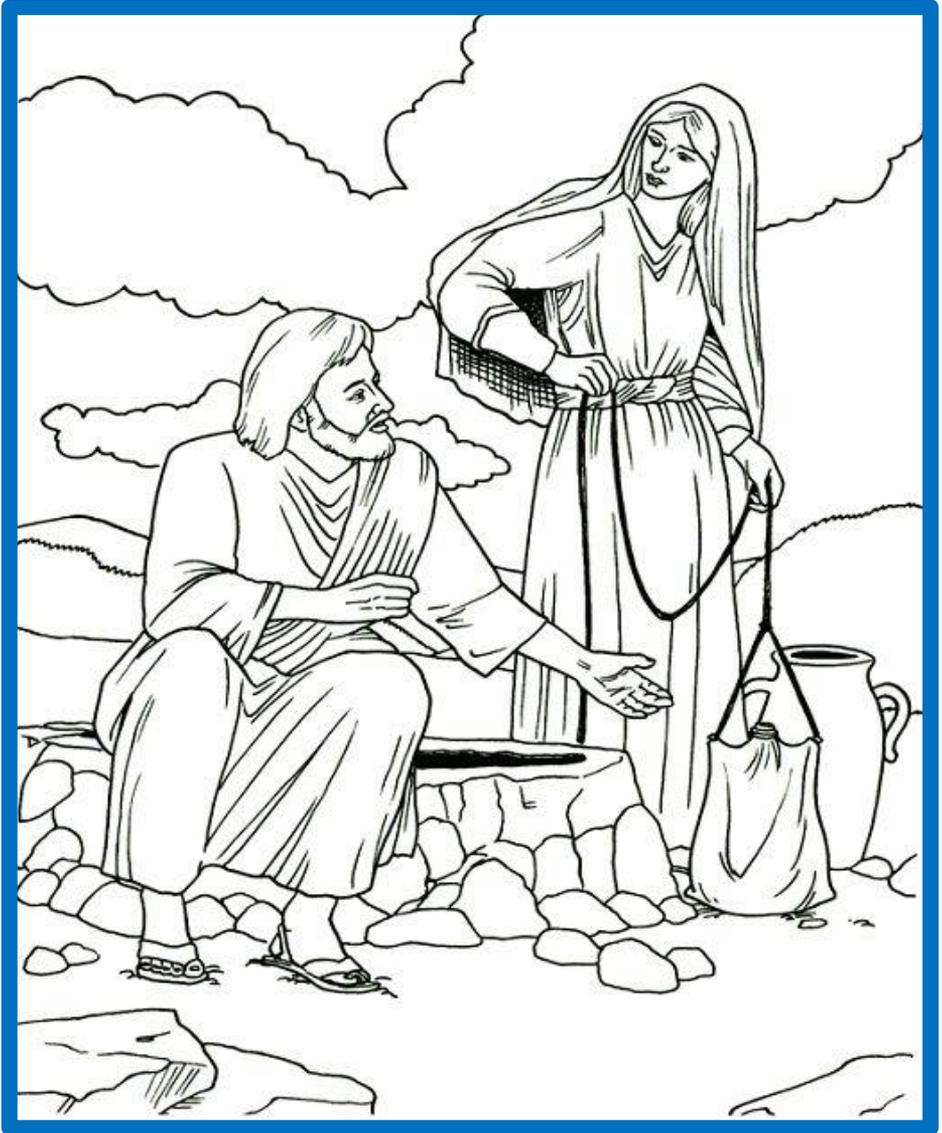
Poke a small hole in each side of rim of paper cup, and attach a fuzzy stick handle.

Poke a small hole through bottom of cup. Cut 12" of yarn. Thread one end of yarn through hole & tie knot. Staple one scripture card to end of yarn. Staple others 2" apart. Put cards inside the cup. Draw water from the well that never runs dry!



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## 12. COLORING PAGE: JESUS KNOWS & LOVES ME STILL



**JESUS KNEW EVERYTHING THE WOMAN EVER DID  
BUT HE HAD LIVING WATER FOR HER TO DRINK!**

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