

10 Year Celebration

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:18-19

4 Now he (Jesus) had to go through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

6 Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) John 4:4-9

48 The Jews answered him, “Aren’t we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?” John 8:48

Jesus says to the world, “I’ll take what you think is bad and broken or cast aside and make it new”

If Jesus doesn’t care about her past then he doesn’t care about ours either.

When people have an encounter with The Well, do they encounter Jesus? Are we a people that welcomes outcasts and sinners?

10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” John 4:10

11 “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?” John 4:11-12

If you cannot find your meaning and significance in Jesus, then you will not find it in affirmation from others.

13 “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, John 4:13

Soul problems cannot be solved with physical solutions.

***14 ...whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”
John 4:4-14***

(Slides only) “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.” -Augustine

***“My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.
Jeremiah 2:13***

I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you. Genesis 12:3

Samaria will not come to us, we have to go through Samaria.