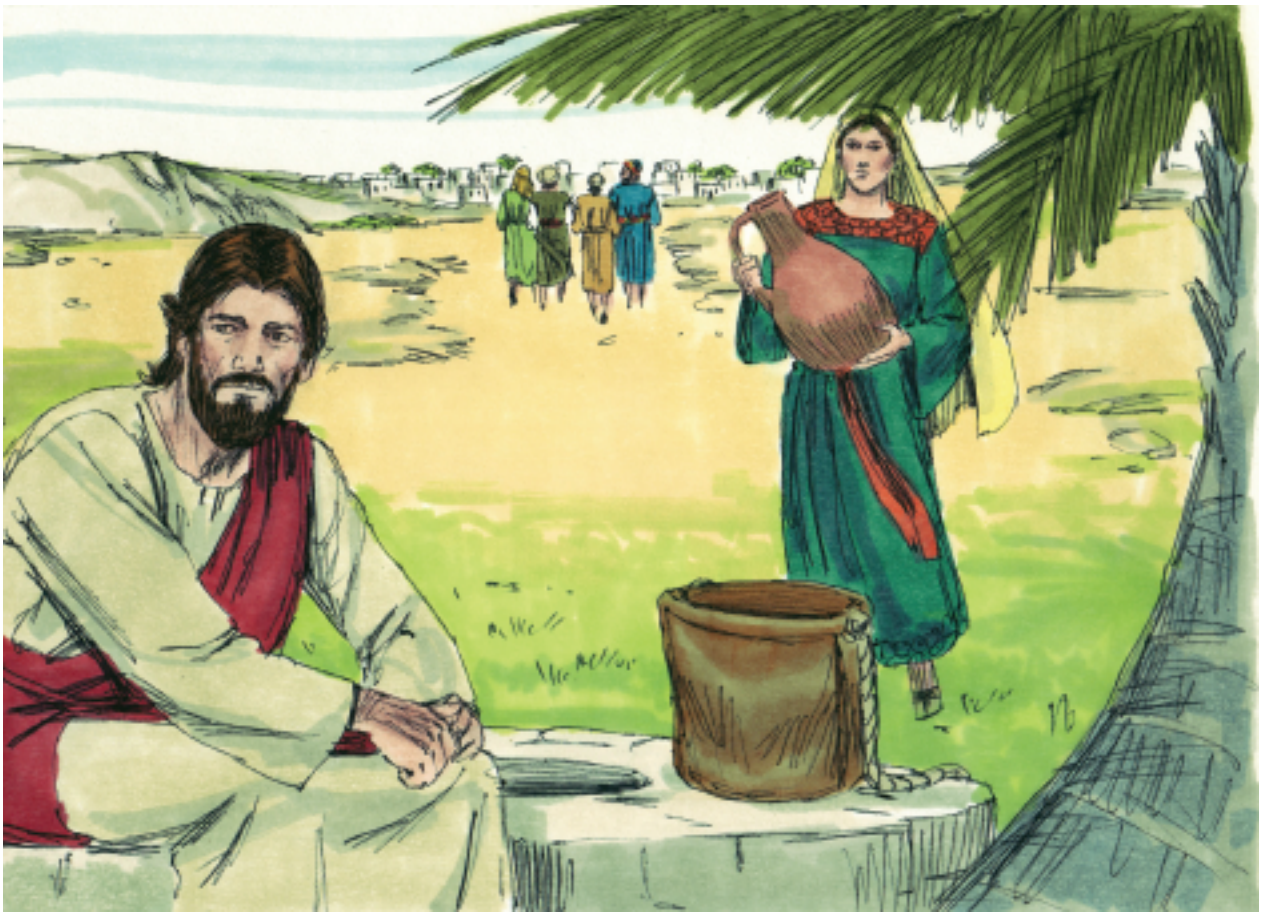


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A 21 DAY BIBLE READING PLAN
PREPARING HEARTS FOR EASTER

DAY 4:
Jesus Talks
with a
Woman at a Well

John 4:1-42



Jesus was on his way from Judea to Galilee. Since there was no cars or busses or planes, Jesus was traveling by walking.

By the time he got to a town called Sychar, it was about noon, and He was tired and thirsty. (Even though Jesus was God, he was a man, too. Jesus got tired and thirsty just like any other person!)

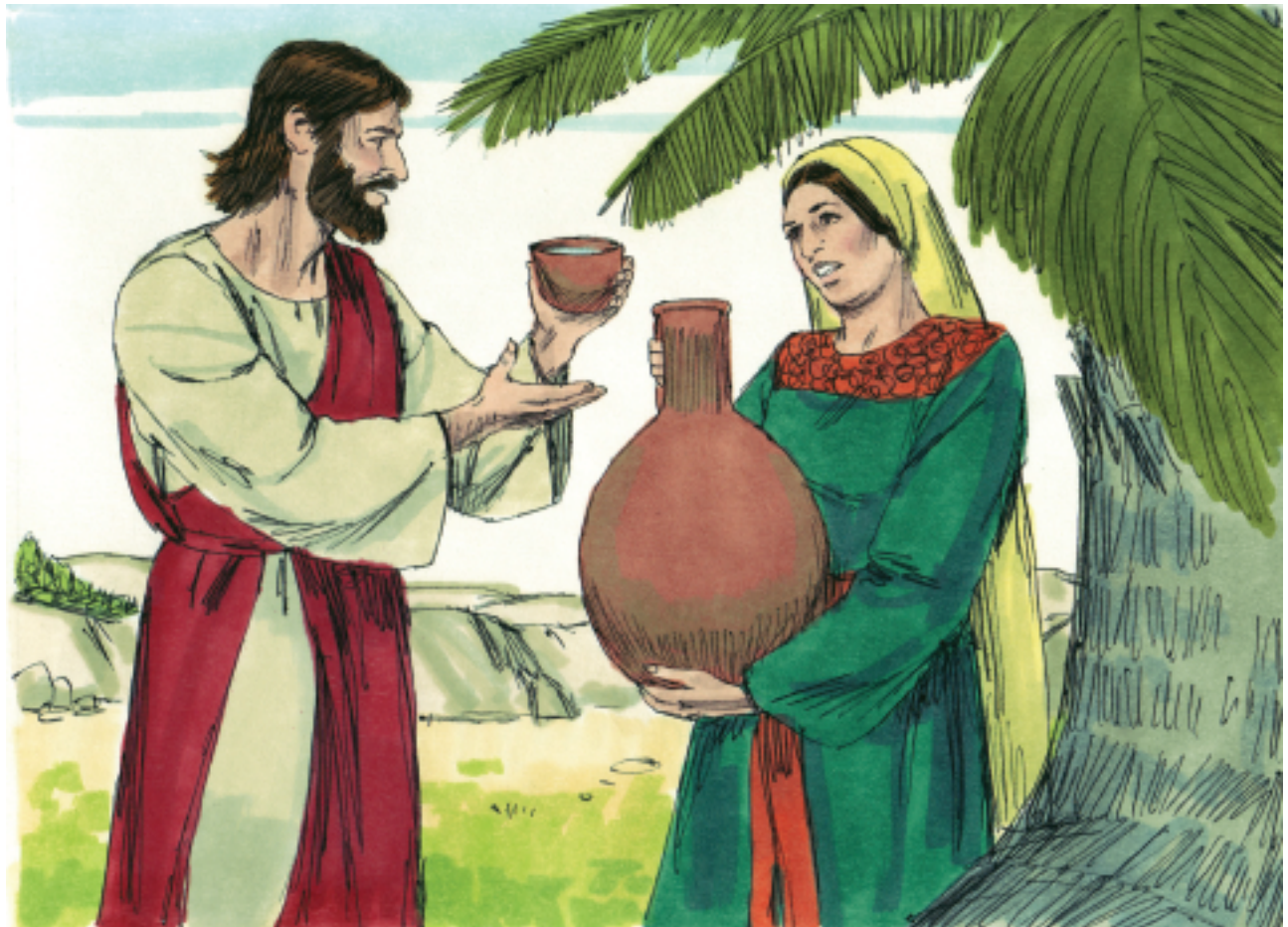
So he sat down near a well to rest while his disciples went into town to buy food.



A woman was also at the well, about to dip her jar into the well to get water. Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink of your water?”

The woman was surprised. “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman! YOU are asking ME for a drink of water?”

She wasn’t angry about giving Jesus water, she was just amazed he would talk to her at all! You see, Jesus saw this woman as a real person and honored her with his request. He didn’t treat her with unkindness like a Jewish man usually would.



Jesus answered her, “If you knew who I was, you would ask me for living water.”

Now the woman was even more amazed. “Living water? You do not even have a bucket! How will you get this water? Are you greater than our ancestors that built this well?”

Jesus answered, “If you drink the water from this well, you will be thirsty again, but if you drink the living water I give you, you will *never* be thirsty again!”



“Sir!” the woman exclaimed, “Please give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty again and have to keep coming here get water!”

But the woman was not understanding what Jesus was saying. He was talking about something much more important than water. He was talking about a relationship with God.



So Jesus said to her, “Go, get your husband and come back.”

The woman hung her head in shame. “I don’t have a husband.”

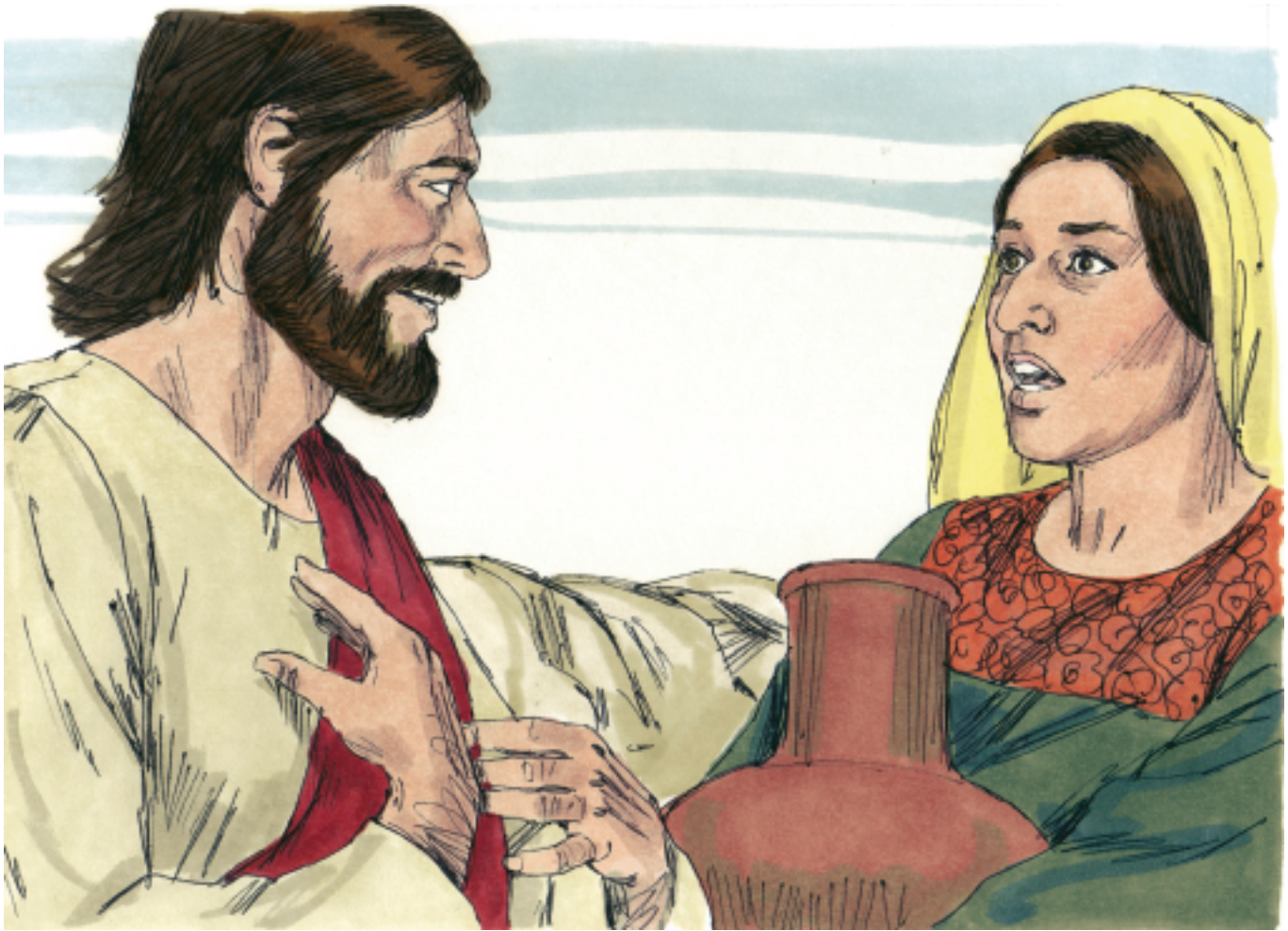
Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have five husbands and the man you live with now is not your husband.”



The woman couldn't believe it. How did Jesus know these things about her?

“Sir, I can see that you must be from God! Help me understand something. My people worship on this mountain, but the Jews say we must worship in the temple.”

“Woman,” Jesus replied, “soon it will not matter where you worship. God is spirit, so you can worship Him anywhere, as long as you worship him in spirit and in truth.”



“I know the Messiah is coming soon. When he comes, He will explain everything to us,” the woman said.

“I am the Messiah.” Said Jesus.



Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and told all her neighbors, “Come and meet this man! He told me everything I ever did. I think He must be the Messiah!”



Many of the people from the town believed because of what the woman said. Jesus stayed there for two days, and many more from the town believed Jesus was the Messiah.

They said to the woman, “We used to believe because of what you said, but now we have heard it for ourselves. This man really is the Savior of the world!”