

**Encounter these verses today:**  
circle words that you identify with,  
underline phrases or sentences you'd  
like to remember, write questions about  
the passage out to the side ...



**John 4:1-30; 39-42 (MSG) | Jesus & Samaritan Woman**

<sup>4-6</sup>To get there, he had to pass through Samaria. He came into Sychar, a Samaritan village that bordered the field Jacob had given his son Joseph. Jacob's well was still there. Jesus, worn out by the trip, sat down at the well. It was noon.

<sup>7-8</sup>A woman, a Samaritan, came to draw water. Jesus said, "Would you give me a drink of water?" (His disciples had gone to the village to buy food for lunch.)

<sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman, taken aback, asked, "How come you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (Jews in those days wouldn't be caught dead talking to Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered, "If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking me for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water."

<sup>11-12</sup>The woman said, "Sir, you don't even have a bucket to draw with, and this well is deep. So how are you going to get this 'living water'? Are you a better man than our ancestor Jacob, who dug this well and drank from it, he and his sons and livestock, and passed it down to us?"

<sup>13-14</sup>Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life."

<sup>15</sup>The woman said, "Sir, give me this water so I won't ever get thirsty, won't ever have to come back to this well again!"

<sup>16</sup>He said, "Go call your husband and then come back."

<sup>17-18</sup>"I have no husband," she said.

"That's nicely put: 'I have no husband.' You've had five husbands, and the man you're living with now isn't even your husband. You spoke the truth there, sure enough."

<sup>19-20</sup>"Oh, so you're a prophet! Well, tell me this: Our ancestors worshiped God at this mountain, but you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place for worship, right?"

<sup>21-23</sup>"Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you Samaritans will worship the Father neither here at this mountain nor there in Jerusalem. You worship guessing in the dark; we Jews worship in the clear light of day. God's way of salvation is made available through the Jews. But the time is coming—it has, in fact, come—when what you're called will not matter and where you go to worship will not matter.

<sup>23-24</sup>"It's who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That's the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly themselves before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration."

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Ashes  
to Fire



**"With Jesus at the Well"**  
John 4:1-42

What was going on just before this scene takes place?

What is important about the relationship between Jesus and anyone from Samaria?

When you are thirsty, what quenches your thirst?

How thirsty are you for Jesus' "living water"?

Your \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't scare God ...  
and with Jesus, your \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't need to scare you!

How can you show "grace-healed" eyes  
to a friend this week?



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# Digging Deeper

[Engage the message throughout the week]

## Monday: 3.28.2011

**Passage:** Psalm 80; Jeremiah 7:1-15; Romans 4:1-12

**Today's Gospel Reading:** John 7:14-36

**Prayer:** *O God, fill my soul with so entire a love for you, that I may love nothing but you. Give me grace to study your knowledge daily, that the more I know you, the more I may love you, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Tuesday: 3.29.2011

**Passage:** Psalm 78; Jeremiah 7:21-34; Romans 4:13-25

**Today's Gospel Reading:** John 7:37-52

**Prayer:** *O Lamb of God, in this sacrifice of praise and prayer, I offer you a contrite heart. Give me grace, throughout my whole life, in every thought, and word, and work to imitate your meekness and humility, through Christ, my Lord, I pray. Amen.*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Wednesday: 3.30.2011

**Passage:** Psalm 119:97-120; Jeremiah 8:18-9:6; Romans 5:1-11

**Today's Gospel Reading:** John 8:12-20

**Prayer:** *O Lord, whose whole life cried out, "Father, not my will, but your will be done," give me grace to walk after your pattern and to follow in your steps. Give me grace to take up my cross, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Thursday: 4.1.2011

**Passage:** Psalm 42; Jeremiah 10:11-24; Romans 5:12-21

**Today's Gospel Reading:** John 8:21-32

**Prayer:** *My Lord and my God, you see my heart; and my desires are not hidden from you. I am encouraged and strengthened by your goodness to me today. I want to be yours and yours alone. You are my Savior and Sanctifier. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Friday: 4.2.2011

**Passage:** Psalm 88; Jeremiah 11:1-8; Romans 6:1-11

**Today's Gospel Reading:** John 8:33-47

**Prayer:** *Father, accept my imperfect repentance, forgive my faults, purify my uncleanness, strengthen my weakness, fix my unstableness, and let your good Spirit watch over me forever, and your love rule in my heart! Amen.*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Saturday: 4.3.2011

**Passage:** Psalm 90; Jeremiah 13:1-17; Romans 6:12-23

**Today's Gospel Reading:** John 8:47-59

**Prayer:** *All the powers of my soul are too few to compose the thankful praise that is due you. Yet you have declared that you will accept the sacrifice of thanksgiving, in return for all your goodness. Therefore, I will bless you, adore your power, and magnify your holy name. Amen.*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*Continued scripture from back ...*

<sup>25</sup>The woman said, "I don't know about that. I do know that the Messiah is coming. When he arrives, we'll get the whole story."

<sup>26</sup>"I am he," said Jesus. "You don't have to wait any longer or look any further."

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked. They couldn't believe he was talking with that kind of a woman. No one said what they were all thinking, but their faces showed it.

<sup>28-30</sup>The woman took the hint and left. In her confusion she left her water pot. Back in the village she told the people, "Come see a man who knew all about the things I did, who knows me inside and out. Do you think this could be the Messiah?" And they went out to see for themselves.

<sup>39-42</sup>Many of the Samaritans from that village committed themselves to him because of the woman's witness: "He knew all about the things I did. He knows me inside and out!" They asked him to stay on, so Jesus stayed two days. A lot more people entrusted their lives to him when they heard what he had to say. They said to the woman, "We're no longer taking this on your say-so. We've heard it for ourselves and know it for sure. He's the Savior of the world!"