



Title | For Whom He Came
Series | NOW I SEE
Text | John 4:1-42
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Sermon Notes

John 4:3 he left Judea and departed again for Galilee. 4 And he had to pass through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. 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." 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? . . . 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." 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." 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." . . . 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." . . . 28 So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" 30 They went out of the town and were coming to him. . . . 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." *ESV*

Big Idea:

John 4:4

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

- To what extent are you convinced (0% to 100%) that, on the very first Christmas, Jesus came for you personally and individually, such that, if you were the only one, he would have still come? If your answer is something less than 100%, what reservations do you have?

Tuesday:

- Read John 4:1-42.
- Try to identify all the sources of shame the woman at the well probably experienced, including shame from things she's done, or things done to her, or things associated with her.
- To what extent do you feel shame in your life? How does it affect your relationship with God?

Wednesday:

- Read John 4:17-18.
- Why do you think it was necessary for Jesus to let this woman know that he was aware of the shameful parts of her past? If he had not, what might this woman have believed about his offer of eternal life?

Thursday:

- Read John 4:3.
- Why do you think Jesus "had to" pass through Samaria? Who or what was compelling him?

Friday:

- If Jesus came for the likes of the Samaritan woman, what does that say about you? Do you think you have been on his mind all along?

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