

Woman at the Well

(I wrote)

Dress in a Biblical costume if possible. Take a jug that looks Biblically correct to carry water in (fill it with water). Also take Salvation Tattoos, paper towels and Bible)

Today...we are going to hear another story from the Bible.

You can find this story right here in the Book of John.

Now remember...if we can find our story in the Bible, then it is....what....that's right. It is TRUE...because God NEVER lies.

In our story today...we find Jesus...once again...walking.

Walking along a long dusty road.

Why do you think Jesus is always going somewhere? Always walking from one new adventure to another?

He's traveling from place to place to share the message of God with everyone that he meets.

You see...many people have never heard about God.

Many of them are not lucky like you are.

You live in a place where you can go to church to learn about God.

You have parents that bring you to church.

And you live in a country where you are free to read and study God's word.

But some people live in places where they have never heard about God.

And some people live in a place where it is illegal to own or read a Bible.

So Jesus walked from place to place to place to share the message of God with people who have never heard the message before.

On this particular trip...Jesus and his disciples...his helpers...would have to pass through an area called Samaria in order to get to where they were going.

Samaria was a place that most Jews didn't like to go...in fact...they would travel a long ways out of their way just to avoid touching one single toe in Samaria.

They considered Samaria an unclean place...meaning that they thought Samaria was a sinful place...full of sin.

But remember what we learned about sin?

We are all sinners aren't we? Yes...we have all done bad things.

Now most people wouldn't go to Samaria...BUT...Jesus would...because it was the SINNERS that Jesus wanted to meet the most.

He wanted to meet them so that He could tell them about God and to tell them how their sins could be forgiven if only...they

**would confess their sins...which means
that they would admit that they had
sinned.**

**When Jesus arrived in Samaria...He was
tired and He was thirsty.**

**So he stopped at a place called "Jacob's
Well."**

A well is a big deep hole in the ground.

And at the bottom of the well...is water.

**Women would bring their jars to the well
to get water.**

**They would lower a bucket which had a
rope attached...down...down...down into
the well.**

**Once the bucket hit the bottom of the
well...SPLASH...into the water it would
go.**

**Once the bucket hit the water, it would
sink down into the water...and water
would fill the bucket.**

**Then the women would pull...pull...pull
on the rope until the bucket
appeared...filled with water.**

**Then they would fill their jars...and off
they would go...back into town.**

**When Jesus arrived at the well...it was
about noon...the hottest part of the day.**

**He was tired, He was hungry...and He
was thirsty...BUT...he didn't have a
bucket in which to lower into the well.**

**First...Jesus sent His disciples off...into
town...to look for some food.**

**While they were gone, the Bible tells us
that a woman from Samaria came to the
well to get some water.**

**Now MOST of the women from Samaria
would come to the well in the early
morning to get their water...because it
was cooler.**

**But THIS woman...would come later in
the day...because she was not allowed to**

come when the other women were at the well.

No one liked this woman. They considered her sinful or dirty.

So, she had to wait until no one else was around in order to get her water.

This woman was a sinner...BUT...SHE was EXACTLY the person that Jesus was waiting for

"When the woman reached the well, Jesus said...could you please draw me a drink from the well?"

The woman was shocked!

She said "You know I am from Samaria...and that I am a sinful woman...why are you even bothering to talk to me?"

But Jesus didn't speak cruelly to her...He didn't criticize her...He didn't call her names like all the women had done.

Jesus already knew she was a sinful woman.

**But Jesus did not come into the world to
PUNISH sinners.**

**He came into the world to SHOW them
what they were doing wrong and to
teach them HOW to be forgiven.**

**Instead of speaking meanly to the
woman...Jesus spoke kindly to her.**

**He explained that He was God's Son, and
that He wanted to be her friend.**

**The woman didn't need to tell Jesus
what she had done...because Jesus
already knew.**

**He named all the sins that she had
committed...WITHOUT her speaking a
single word.**

**The woman was surprised. She knew
that Jesus HAD TO
BE the Son of God...just like He had said.**

**How else would He know all about her
past?**

When the disciples came back with the food, they were amazed that Jesus was talking to such a sinful woman, but they knew better than to ask him why.

Jesus was telling the woman about God.

He was telling her what she needed to do in order to have her sins forgiven.

The woman was so excited that she left her water jug...right there...and ran into town to tell ALL the people that the Son of God...the Messiah was at the well.

After the woman had left to go into the town, the disciples came closer to Jesus and offered him the meat they had bought.

But...to their surprise, Jesus said he wasn't hungry.

He felt full because he had done the wonderful will of God.

Jesus told His disciples that the time to win souls to the Lord was short and that they needed to work hard.

Which meant, that they had to tell as many people about God as they could...and quickly...because they didn't have much time.

When the woman arrived in the city...she began telling everyone about the man at the well who knew all about her and still talked kindly to her.

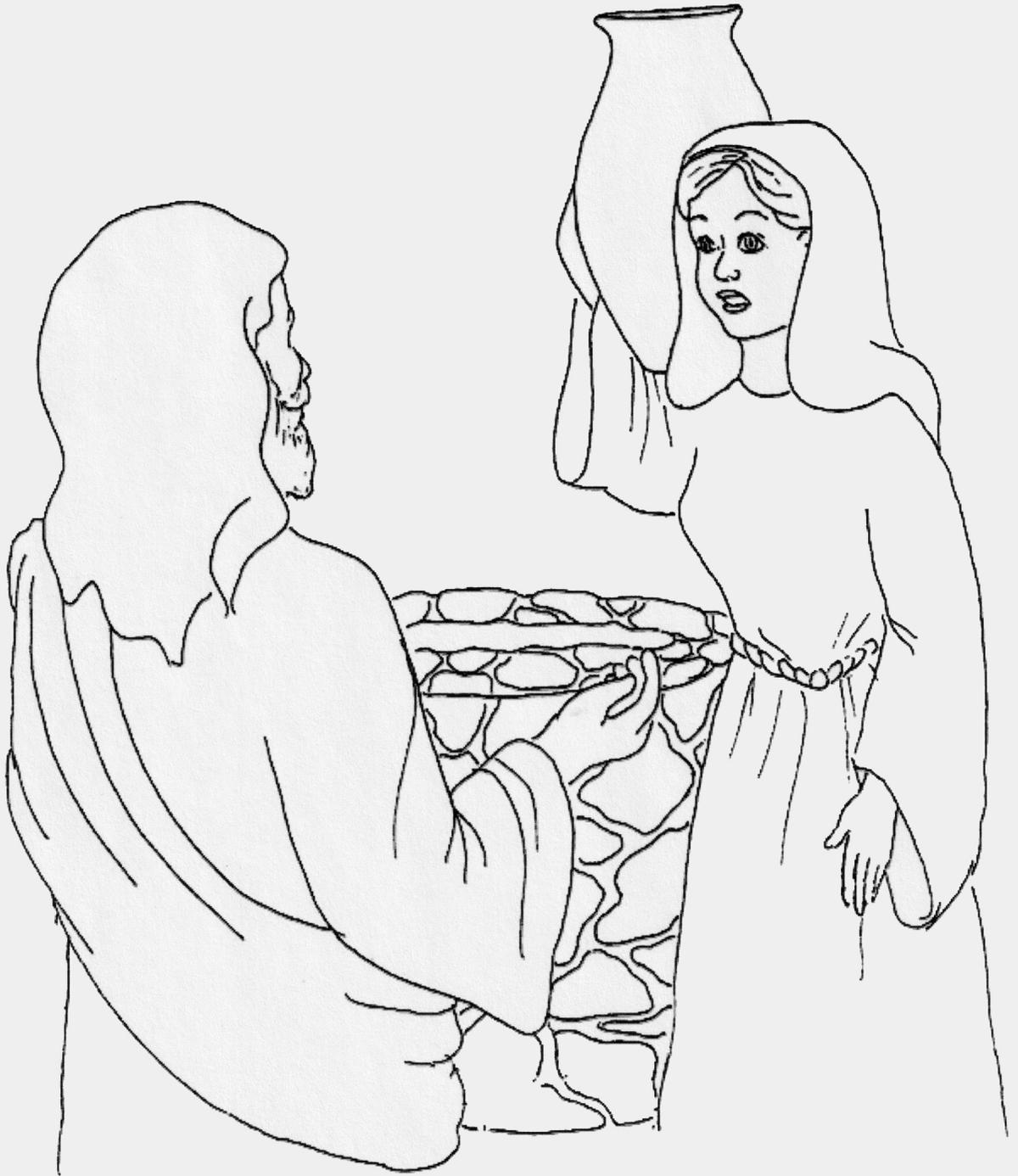
She told them that this was the Christ!"

The Bible tells us that the whole town came out to meet Jesus and that they asked him to stay with them in their town.

Jesus spoke with ALL the people from the town...and because of His great works...and the woman's testimony, the Bible tells us that many received Jesus as their Savior."

Explain plan of Salvation here!

Place a salvation stick on tattoo on each child...using the water from the jug and explain what each color means.



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