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Subject: Give Me to Drink

"There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink." John 4:7

What began as just another ordinary morning for this Samaritan ~~an~~ woman, would become a day she would never forget.

From this point forward, this Samaritan woman's life will be forever changed, and it all begins when she went to draw water from a well one morning and found a man sitting upon it, who was wearied from his journey. It is right here they meet and Jesus says to her, "Give Me to drink."

She doesn't know who He is, she never met Him before; but she does recognize that this man is Jewish, and the Jews didn't talk to Samaritans so she is surprised. Verse 9

"Then saith the woman of Samaria unto Him, How is it that Thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, who am a woman of Samaria? For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans."

If the Jews didn't talk to the Samaritans, why is Jesus talking to this Samaritan woman? What is Jesus teaching us here?

When John the baptist first saw Jesus, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29). He didn't mean that everybody would be saved; but that salvation would no longer be confined to the Jews (i.e. primarily) only - but for Jews and Gentiles; i.e. the world.

Some teach that because the Greek word translated "world" is "Kosmos" that it means Jesus died for each and every person who has ever existed, is existing, or will exist; therefore - say they - everybody is saved; or, that only those who believe will be saved, but Jesus still died for everybody.

Neither view is correct, and both are destructive to the Gospel. According to the revealed Word of God, everybody will not be saved (Mat. 25:41; Luke 16:19-31; 2 Thess. 1:8-9; Rev. 14:11); and to say that Jesus died for everybody, but only those who

believe in Him will be saved - this is a harmful teaching because: 1) it would waste some of that precious blood that Christ shed; and 2) would become a works gospel - salvation of mankind would depend on ... mankind. To any who hold such a doctrine, think about what would've happened if nobody believed on Jesus... the Son of God would've just died ... for nothing?? Is that possible?

No way! Everyone whom Christ died for will be saved, and He didn't die for everybody. He died for His sheep (Jn. 10:11,15); His Church (Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25-27); His people (Mat. 1:21); His elect (Rom. 8:32-35; Eph. 1:4).

Therefore when John the baptist said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world", we must understand "world" to mean people "of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues" (Rev. 6:9). In other words, "world" (i.e. "Kosmos") can be used in the Bible to mean "Gentiles" as a careful study of Romans 11:12 proves.

"Now if the fall of them [i.e. the Jews] be the riches of the world [i.e. the Gentiles], and the diminishing of them [i.e. referring to the Jews again] the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?"

Romans 11:12

The word translated "world" in this passage - which is clearly referring to the Gentiles - is from the Greek word "Kosmos," the same as in John 1:29 "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world ["Kosmos"]." The 15th verse of Romans 11 proves the same thing.

Although the Samaritan woman was not technically a Gentile (she was expecting Christ to come; verse 25 of John 4); the mode of worship, and by whom, would drastically change. Jesus said in John 4:23-24

"But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and ⁱⁿ truth: for the Father seeks such to worship Him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

This was the "mystery" the Apostle Paul was sent to preach (see Ephesians 3:1-9), and I think we are seeing a small glimpse of the unfolding of this mystery with Jesus and this Samaritan woman.

Returning to the well, after the Samaritan woman asked why Jesus is talking with her, Jesus tells her,

"If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give Me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water." John 4:10

Jesus is "the gift of God" remember John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

When Jesus first asked her, "Give Me to drink" I am sure He was sincerely thirsty, because the Scripture tells us He was "wearied with

His journey" (John 4:6); but Jesus also intended to minister the Gospel to this woman, which is exactly what He is doing. Do you remember how this Samaritan ~~man~~ woman's day began?

Like any other, she didn't go out looking for Jesus; but He found her and saved her soul. What about you my dear friend? Is Jesus your Saviour? Has He saved your soul?

Maybe for you, this day began like any other, just like the Samaritan woman. You have just been going about your usual routine, and without even expecting it, this message has been passed along to you - probably by someone who loves you very much.

Are you thirsty, O beloved soul? Have you drunk of the Saviour's "living water"? Are you living under the guilt of sin? Do you recognize your helplessness? Your depravity? Your filthiness? Your wretchedness? The Saviour didn't come for the righteous, but for sinners - art thou a sinner? Is the Holy Spirit giving thee a "hunger and thirst after righteousness"? (Mat. 5:6)

Ah! Then this message is intended for you! "Drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved."
(Song of Songs 5:1)

"But sir, how dost I drink of Jesus? I understand what thou sayest and see my miserable condition, what shall I do to be saved?" ~~scribble~~

Answer: Drinking is believing. Jesus said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believes on Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." (John 7: 37-38).

Don't you do so now my beloved friend? Don't wait until next week, don't wait until tomorrow for it may never come; don't wait another second, cast your soul into the arms of Jesus, trust in Him for the forgiveness of your sins and confess then to Him. Today is not an accident beloved, this isn't a coincidence, the Lord directed this letter to you, even for this very purpose.

The Samaritan woman's life changed forever that day she was asked that ~~request~~; and now, that same ~~request~~ request - by the same Person, Jesus Christ - is asked to you, "Give Me to drink." One way or the other, your life is forever changed starting now... what are you going to do?

May God bless you and your whole household, and please pass this message along to family, friends, neighbours, even strangers; and may every thirsty soul find her delight by faith in Jesus.

Your servant for Jesus' sake,

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