

III. Jesus challenges us:

"If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:10

It's a gift Jesus gives you.

It means you actually asking for Jesus in the center of your life. You are by faith giving Him reign over yourself.

Each of us has chased almost every imaginable distraction to quench your life thirst and meaning. The answer is to come to Him for the "Living Water"

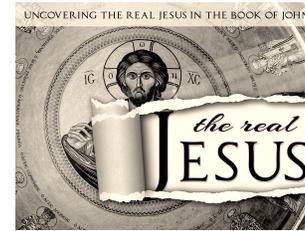
He has paid the debt for you.

He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

Colossians 2:14

Do not make it more detailed and difficult than he does. He says, ²⁸"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30



Jesus & the Woman at the Well Part 1 of 3

"The Ultimate Offer" John 4:4-15

Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"⁸(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." ¹¹"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus makes an argument: *Why you should come to me.*

Jesus makes an offer: *What you will get if you come to me.*

Jesus challenges her: *By how she must come to him.*

All neatly packaged there in verses 13 and 14.

The offer *what you will get if you come to me*, is, Jesus has water that will result in you never thirsting again.

The challenge of *how she must come* is to me (Jesus alone) you must get it. You can't draw it out of your well.

I. Jesus Argument

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,
John 4:13

Jesus is using a comparison in verse 13:

"The reason you need to come to me is because there is a thirst in your soul that can't be dealt with by anything you're trying to drink in this world. Those things will only make you more thirsty."

When we are faced with our thirst we often
blame several things for our misery.

I never should have married that person.
I never should have come to Tahoe.
I never should have trusted that person.
I need new friends.
I need a new house.
I need a new job.
I'm wiser now, life is just hard then you die.

The truth is you can blame it on your separation from God.

C.S. Lewis, says it this way.

"If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world"

II. Jesus' Offer

"... whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:14

We tend to think of eternal life as life that goes on forever, which it does, but to think of endless life is not the most important way to think of it. Eternal life is a quality of life, that starts now, and the quality it has is that it quenches the soul thirsts.

There is a thirst for purpose.

If we can't know if there is a God, then you're stuck being an accident. There is no other alternative.

If there is a Creator God, you will find your purpose, a sense of direction in Him. Those are the only two alternatives.

There is a thirst for love.

We all know how imperfect that journey is in this life, but with Christ we are known at our absolute worst and yet loved by Him so much He chose to die for us.

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. ⁹And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. ¹⁰For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. Romans 5:8-10

There is a thirst for peace.

If people's thinking is controlled by the sinful self, there is death. But if their thinking is controlled by the Spirit, there is life and peace. Romans 8:6

