

Jesus and the
woman at the
well

Sychar



From the time of the Crusaders usually identified with Sychem or Shechem. Now identified with Askar, a small Samaritan town on the southern base of Ebal, about a mile to the north of Jacob's well



Samaria

The Jews and Samaritans had their own towns and villages

The hill country of Samaria



Jacob's well

John Chapter 4:5

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"

Jacob's Well ?

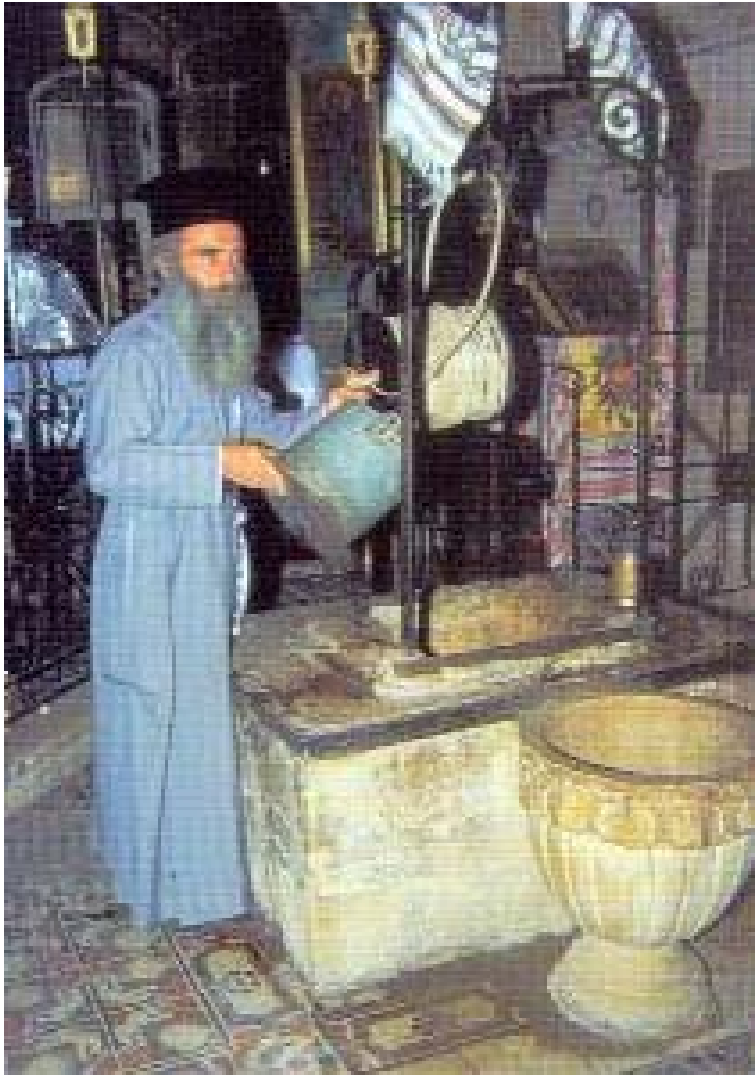


The unfinished Greek Orthodox Church

The ruins of two churches and the unfinished walls of a third are found at the site. A cross-shaped church was built at the site during the Byzantine period using the well as its center. The Crusaders built their own church over the earlier one.

Construction was begun on a Russian Orthodox Church in 1914. Following the Communist revolution in 1917, however, building was stopped and it was never completed.

Jacobs Well



Water is drawn from the traditional Jacob's well in the crypt of the unfinished Greek Orthodox Church

It was 240 feet deep in A.D. 670 to 67 feet in A.D. 1881. It was "very deep" in Jesus' day (John 4:11). Our guide feeds out what he says are 125 feet of rope

"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?"



What did
the well
look like?

Jesus and the Woman

What did Jesus do that was unusual?

A man was not supposed to talk with a woman

Jesus taught a woman. Women were only allowed to learn from their fathers and husbands, they were not allowed to be taught

The woman was a Samaritan, Jews did not share with their Samaritan enemies

What happened at wells?

They were meeting places

Isaac and Rebekah,

Jacob and Rachel

Moses and Zipporah

What kind of person was she?

1. She was an outcast –
went to the well at noon when it was hot
2. She had 5 husbands
3. She had a bad reputation
4. She was a Samaritan

How did Jesus treat her?

**With love,
acceptance
and forgiveness**

Lucy



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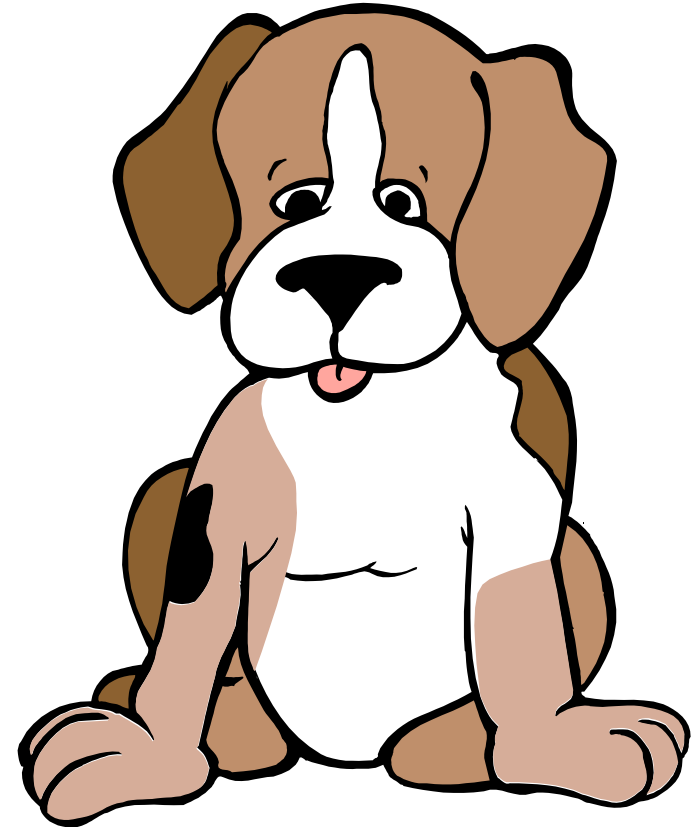


Dogs are good for you

In recent tests 87% of dog owners were found to be less stressed in the company of their dogs than their partners.

Owners said that their dogs were more accepting and less judgemental

One owner said a dogs love is unconditional



How did Jesus treat her?

With love, acceptance and forgiveness

He reached out to her

He did not care about what others
would think

How did the woman react?

She went and told others

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony,

"He told me everything I ever did."

What happened next ?

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world."

Who did the woman remind Jesus of ?

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27

Jesus sees the Go(o)d in us