

Title: Face the Facts

Text: John 4:15-26

Target: We will never know the rescue of a Savior if we don't think we need one.

- I. **Confession of Confusion:** *"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."* (Vs. 15)
 - A. **Something's Missing:** *"thirsty"* (Vs. 15)
 - B. **Something's Lacking:** *"here"* (Vs. 15)

Key Concept: We all go to a WELL to find satisfaction. **Question:** Which one?

- II. **Confronted by your own Condition:** *"Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."* (Vs. 16)
 - A. **Speaks to the Past:** *"The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband; for you have **had five** husbands,"* (Vs. 17-18a)
 - B. **Speaks to the Present:** *"and the one you **now** have is not your husband. What you have said is true."* (Vs. 18b)
 - C. **Speaks to the Future:** *"The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a **prophet**."* (Vs. 19)

Key Concept: You will never know a need for Savior, without first recognizing your own sinful nature. **Question:** What do you think it takes to go to heaven?

- III. **Compliance to the Commandments:** *"Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship."* (Vs. 20)
 - A. **Lifestyle NOT a Location:** *"Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, **the hour is coming** when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father."* (Vs. 21)
 - B. **Relationship NOT Religion:** *"**You worship what you do not know**; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews."* (Vs. 22)
 - C. **Truth & Transformation:** *"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in **spirit and truth**."* (Vs. 24)

Key Concept: Religion is the effort of humanity to earn heaven. **Question:** How do you know if you're good enough?

- IV. **Confession of Clarification:** *"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."* (Vs. 25)
 - A. **Faith in a Savior:** *"when he comes"* (Vs. 25)
 - B. **Face to Face with the Savior:** *"Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."* (Vs. 26)
 1. **I AM:** (7x in John)
 2. **I AM HIM:** *"he who is called the Christ"* (Vs. 25)

Take Away: You don't earn heaven, you are graced heaven through Jesus alone. **Have you ever trusted Christ as Savior?**