

The Samaritan Woman

(John 4: 1 – 42)

Verse to memorize : (John 4: 14)

“Whoever drinks the water that I will give him, will never be thirsty again.”

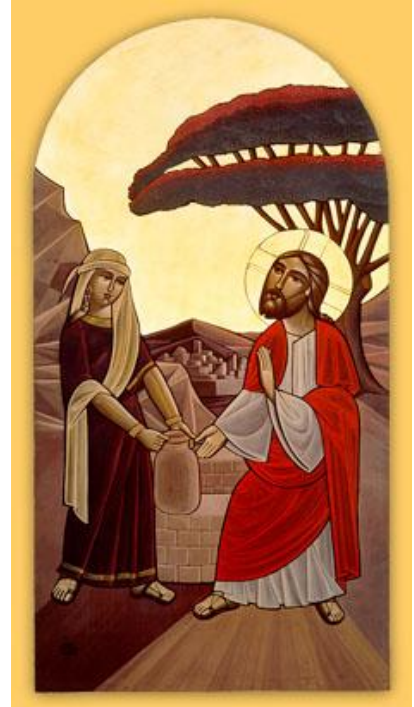
The Story:

On His way from Judea to Galilee, Jesus had to pass through Samaria. He came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, where Jacob’s well was. Jesus, tired as He was from the journey, sat down by the well. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, ‘Will you give Me a drink?’ And as the Jews used not to associate with the Samaritans, the woman said to Him, ‘You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can You ask me for a drink?’

Jesus started to explain to her that He is the source of the living water, the water that whoever drinks from, will not be thirsty again. Thinking about the normal water, the woman first did not understand how He will get it without having a bucket, then asked Him for this water, so that she would never have to come to draw water from the well again!

Jesus asked her to call her husband. “I haven’t got a husband”, the woman answered. Jesus was pleased with her that she said the truth. He told her that she had been married to five men before and that the man she lived with, was not really her husband.

The woman thought Jesus is a prophet, or may be the Messiah. Jesus told her that He is the Messiah. She left her water jar, went back to the town, and said to the people: “Come and see the man who told me everything I have ever done. Could He be the Messiah?” So, they left the town and went to Jesus. Many believed in Him because of what the women said. They begged Him to stay with them, so he stayed two days. Many more said that they believed because they themselves have heard him, and they knew that he really is the Saviour of the world.



Note :

§ Jesus:

- Ø Is not Racist: He spoke friendly to the Samaritan Woman (the Jews used not to associate with the Samaritans)
- Ø Understood and respected her needs
- Ø Was pleased with her that she said the truth
- Ø Used the occasion to direct her attention to the spiritual life

§ The Samaritan Woman:

- Ø Was polite: “Sir”
- Ø Told Jesus the truth: “I haven’t got a husband”
- Ø Believed in Jesus when she saw that He knew everything about her
- Ø Attracted other people to Jesus when she believed in Him

§ The Samaritans in the town:

- Ø When they heard about Jesus, they left the town and went to him
- Ø Some believed because of what the woman had said
- Ø Some believed because they heard Him themselves
- Ø Begged Jesus to stay with them

§ And We, what do we do?

- Ø Compare to: Jesus, the Samaritan woman and the Samaritans in the Town ?????