

## The woman at the well

Jesus loved all people. Jesus showed kindness towards people who did wrong. He tried to help them. He tried to show them that God would forgive them if they were truly sorry.



There is a true story in the Bible about a woman who Jesus met at a well. People did not have taps in their houses in those days so everyone had to go to the village well to get their water. It was a meeting place where women would talk together as they collected their water in their clay jars. There was one woman who everyone talked about. She was not a good woman. She lived with a man who was not her husband. For that reason no one talked to her.

There was another reason no one talked to this woman. She was a Samaritan. Jewish people did not like people from Samaria. However, there was one person who did talk to her. That was Jesus.

"Will you give me a drink from your water jar," asked Jesus. "I am thirsty and don't have a water container myself."

The woman was surprised. "Why are you talking to me?" she asked. "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan."

Jesus told the woman of the special gift that God could give her. Jesus could forgive her and give her a special peace and joy inside. Jesus called this gift 'Living Water'.

Jesus knew how the woman lived. It was not God's way. He told her about her life, but not unkindly. The woman was surprised because no one had ever told Jesus these things. She knew that Jesus was special. "Could He be the One sent from God?...the One that the scriptures spoke about?"

She knew that Jesus was the One. Yes, she wanted the 'Living Water'.