



# Gospel of John

1-8-23

- 1a In the Beginning – Love from Eternal Past
- 1b Come & See – Love Calls Forth Disciples
- 2-3 Everyone Who Believes – God Loved World
- 4 But Whoever Drinks
- 5 Pick Up Your Mat
- 6 I Am Bread
- 7 He Sent Me
- 8 I Am the Light
- 9 You Have Seen Me
- 10 I Know My Own
- 11 I Am the Resurrection

4:14 but 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.”



Woman at the Well  
Angelika Kauffmann (1747-1807)



## Love the Living Water

John the Evangelist & Peter  
by Albrecht Dürer (1526)







**Woman at the Well**  
by Angelika Kauffman  
(1747-1807)

1 of 2 female painters among  
founding members of the Royal  
Academy in London, 1768

If you look close at  
Kauffman's self-portrait  
.. she looks a lot like the  
woman at The Well

Few in the whole  
N.T. who  
sincerely

**Called Out  
JESUS**

There are events in our lives ... that  
Move us ... Change us ... Enlighten us  
Have YOU ever gone to **THE** Well ALONE?  
JUST as it was with Nathaniel at night with Jesus  
In many ways, this **Woman at the Well**  
Was Nathaniel's Twin in Character ...  
she was a

## **No Guile Gal**

This was HER **Monumental Moment**  
**HER** Enlightenment – **Enlightened** Sychar  
Dark Day ... meets Jesus ... Bright Day





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**GONE** are the dark clouds  
that had me **BLIND**

It's gonna be a *bright – bright*  
**sunshiny day**



John 2, Jesus goes to Jerusalem for Passover  
John 3:21, Nicodemus came to Jesus by night  
John 3:22-36, Jesus & Disciples go into Judean  
countryside, and His disciples baptize



John 4:1-3 ... Pharisees' CIA hears Jesus baptizing more  
*Soon ... John reveals Woman at the Well ... & its crucial*

Important ... even Pivotal to see the END of the story

**4:39 MANY Samaritans from town believed in him BECAUSE  
of the woman's words, "He told me everything I ever did."**

If an Outcast or ill-Repute – **MANY interested in God's WORK**  
Would **NOT** Have Believed Her



John 3, Nicodemus came to Jesus by night in Jerusalem  
John 3, Jesus & Disciples go into Judean  
countryside and disciples baptize

John 4:1-3 Pharisees' CIA reports Jesus baptizing

4:3 Jesus left Judea &  
went back once more to Galilee.

4:4 Now he had to go *THROUGH* Samaria.

*he is heading north ... to see a **WOMAN***

4:5 Jesus came to a town in Samaria  
called Sychar, near the plot ground  
Jacob had given to his son Joseph.

*Wonder how Jesus prepared the disciples*



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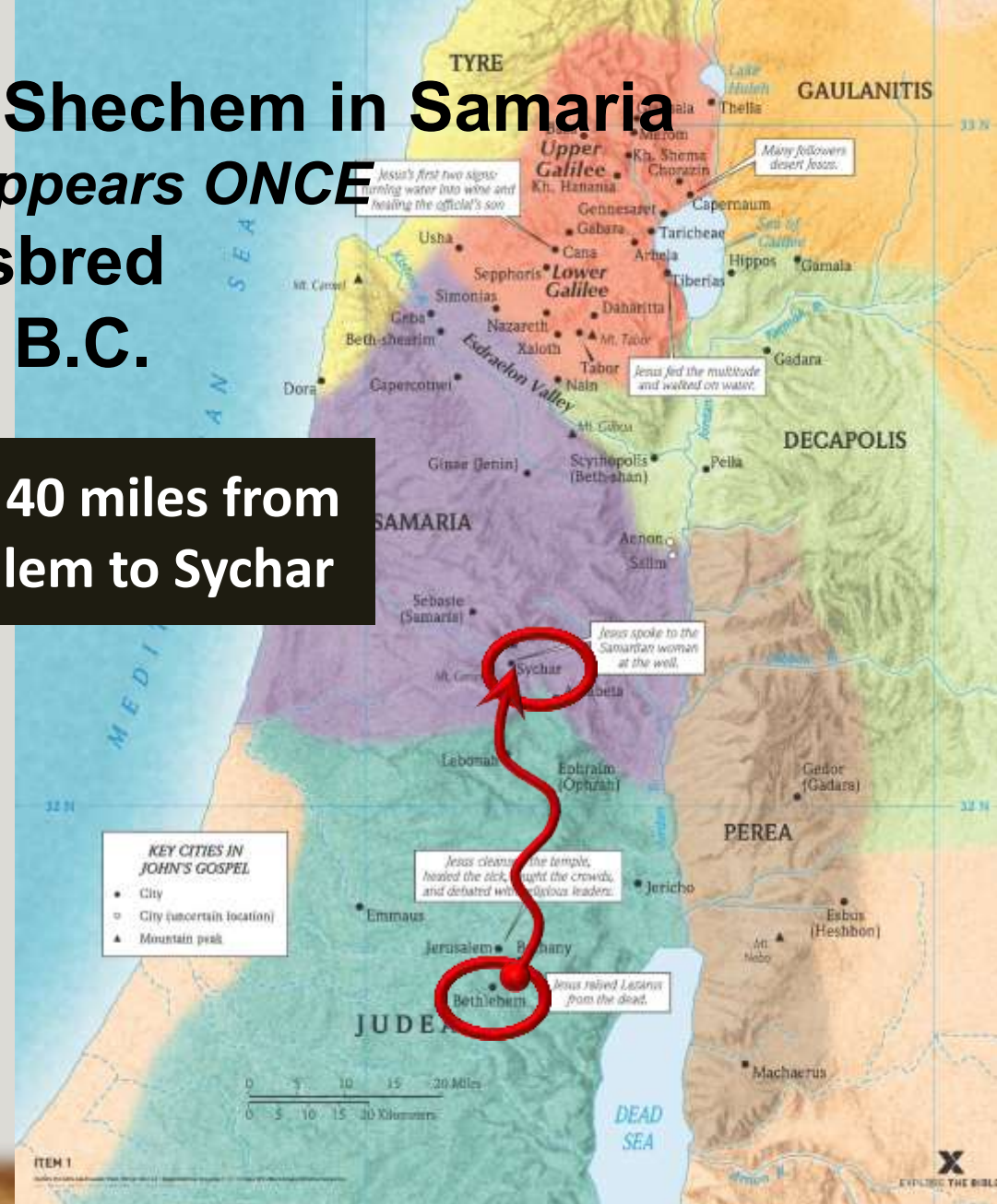
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by Angelika Kauffmann  
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About 40 miles from  
Jerusalem to Sychar

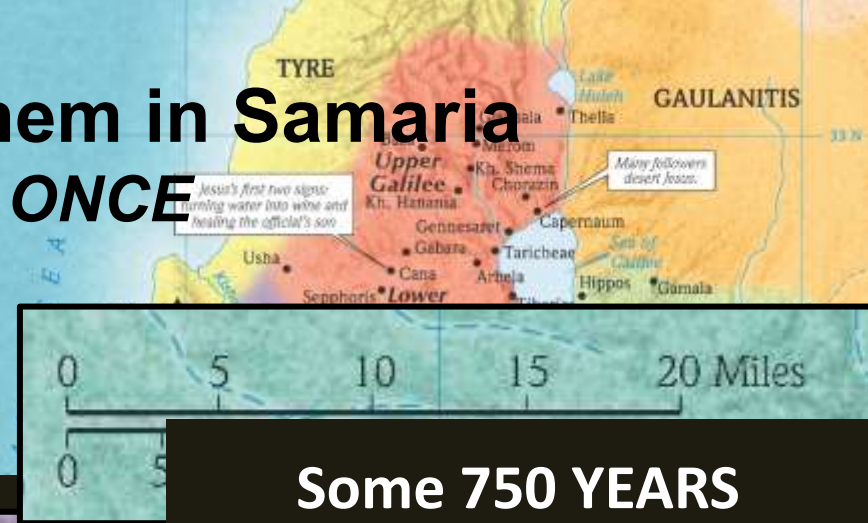




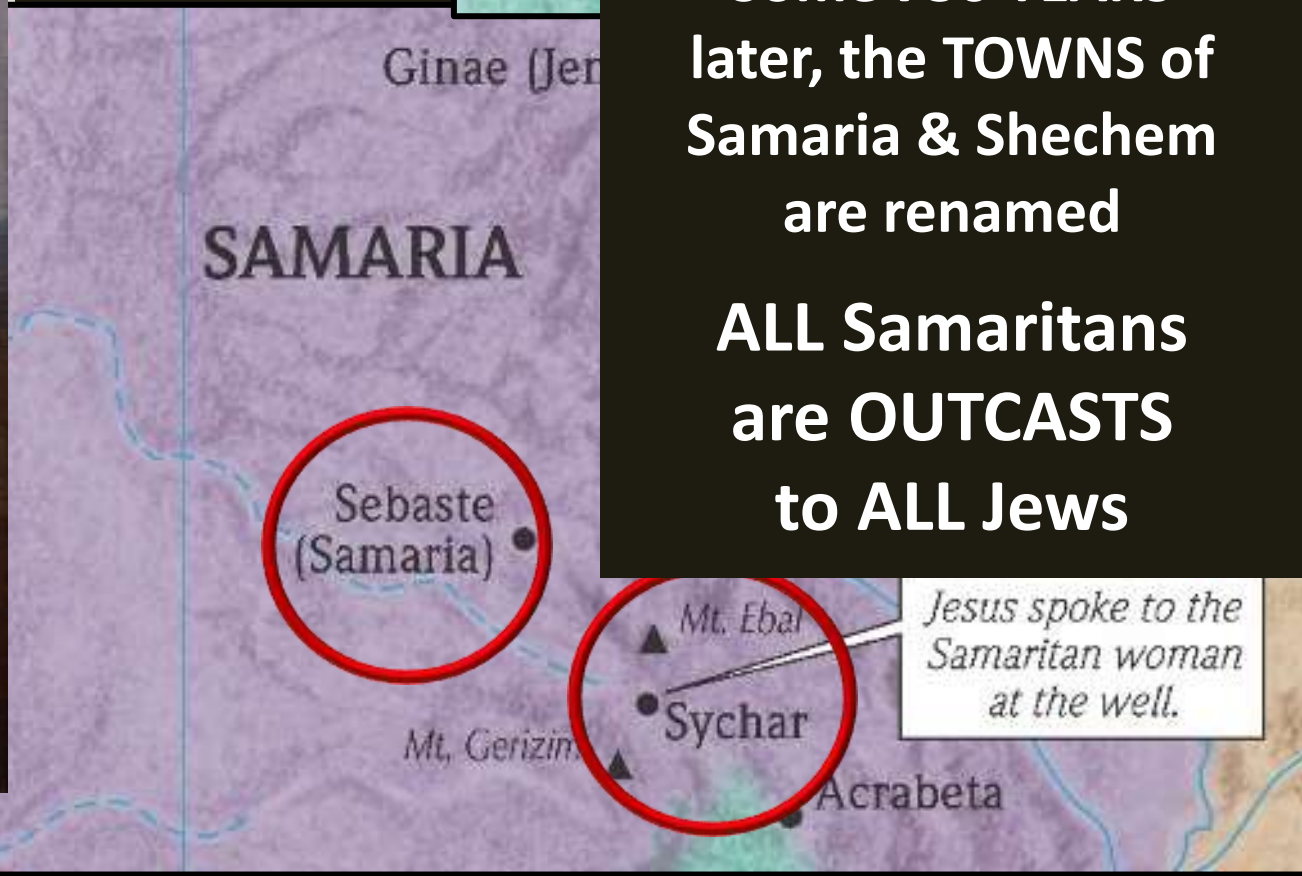
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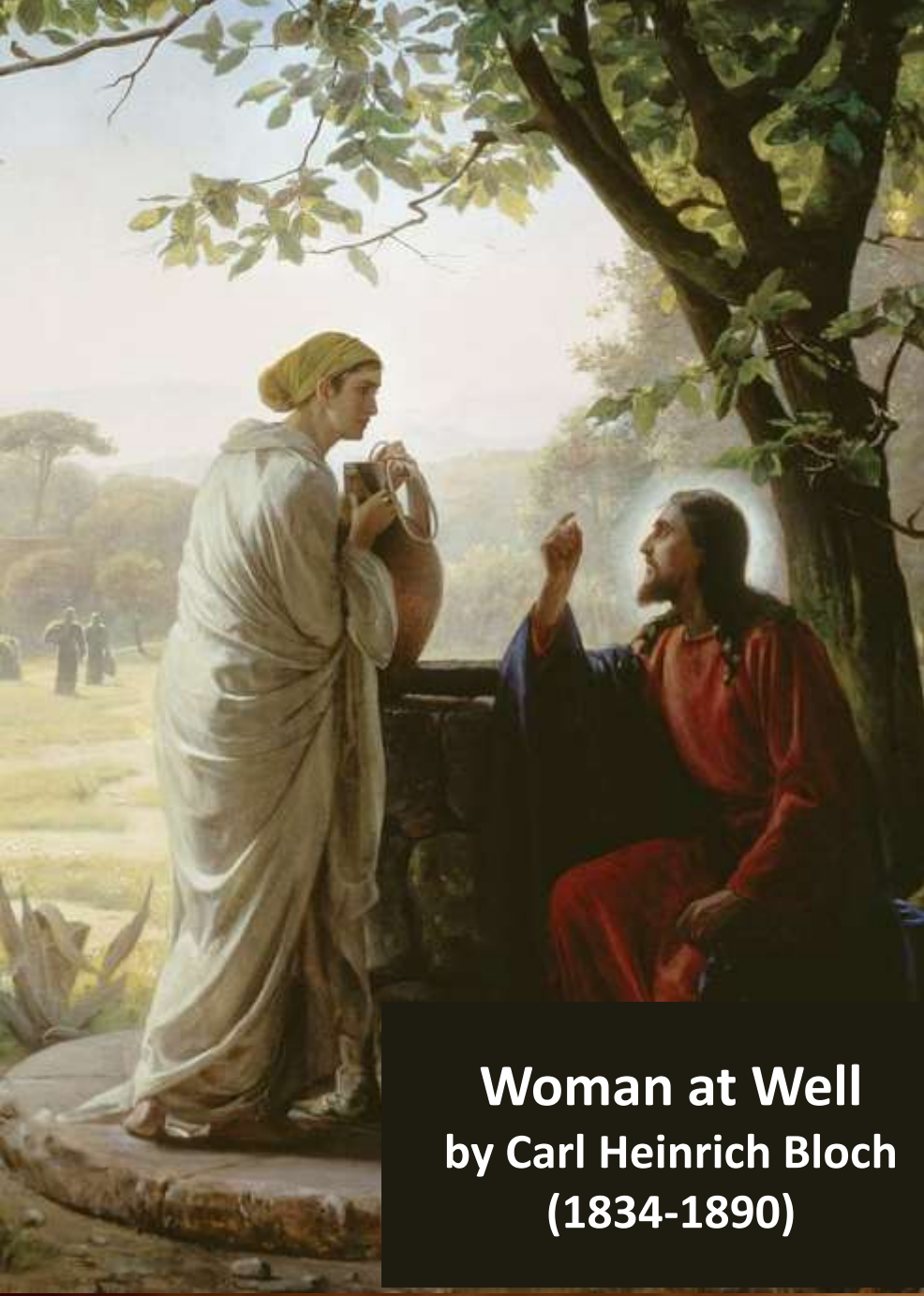
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**Some 750 YEARS  
later, the TOWNS of  
Samaria & Shechem  
are renamed**

**ALL Samaritans  
are OUTCASTS  
to ALL Jews**





**Woman at Well**  
by Carl Heinrich Bloch  
(1834-1890)

**You noticed ...**

**Everyone seems to ...**

**Everyone notices ...**

**Nameless Woman**

**Comes *ALONE* to The Well**

**Ohh my ... I have to ask ...**

***I MUST ask ...***

**Have YOU ever gone to *THE***

**Well *ALONE***

You'll hear some say she was a woman of  
**ill-repute – a bad woman**

I, myself, have trouble seeing that ...  
Five husbands ... sure ... and *another*  
Yet ... the MEN wanted her ...  
But “ill-repute” does not suit the

**Rest of the Story**

**AFTER** meeting Jesus at **THE Well**  
**AFTER** her telling EVERYONE

**MANY *believe* HER**





Just as we saw with Jesus & John  
Their LIGHTS Shined Bright

She was HONEST with Jesus ... he *confirmed*  
FACT that TOWN *BELIEVED* her ...

When we get to that SCENE ... watch

- ✓ See *HOW* she tells the TOWN ...
- ✓ See *HOW* the TOWN responds ...

My oh MY ... Not so ... NOT “ill-repute”

But a Woman of ...

**Well** Repute



4:6 Jacob's well was there, and Jesus,  
tired as he was from the journey,  
sat down by **The Well**. It was about noon.

Some—she came at Noon ... as a outcast

4:7 When a Samaritan  
woman came to  
draw water

Jesus said to her,  
“Will you give me a

**Drink?**





**8 His disciples ... in town to buy food.**

**next ... see her candor ... her honesty ...**

**Perhaps she came at noon NOT as an Outcast  
perhaps just to be *ALONE* ...**

**The WHOLE story tells of HER strength**

**Her Candor**

**Her Boldness**

**Her Leadership in the TOWN**

**She was no one's fool**

**She needed no *fool's* counsel  
from other gossipy women**

**There ARE strong women**



**9 The Samaritan woman said to him,  
“You are a Jew & I am a Samaritan woman.  
How can you ask ME for a drink?”**

**Immediate CANDOR ... she was NOT SHY  
She HELD ... JEW Jesus to ACCOUNT**

**Was he ANOTHER Hypocrite?  
She CALLED OUT JESUS!**

***Not many in the Bible do that*  
No outcast her – No one’s fool**

**Meet Nathaniel’s twin – “No Guile Gal”**

***An Honest Woman***

***She is beginning to SEE Jesus***





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**I can see clearly now  
the rain is gone  
I can see ALL obstacles in my way**



**4:10 Jesus 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.”**



**Here she goes *AGAIN* ...**

**11 “Sir, you have NOTHING to  
draw with & well is DEEP  
Where can you get this  
Living Water?”**





She perceives that Jesus is **TRUTHFUL**

**12 Are you greater than our father Jacob,  
who gave us The Well ... also his sons?**

**Gen. 48:12 – Jacob kissed the ground ...**



**No mention of Jacob digging  
a well in the Old Testament ...**

**1,000-yr-old  
Tradition ...**

**Jacob's Well by  
David Roberts, 1839**





**Jacobs Well, David Roberts, *The Holy Land* (1839)**

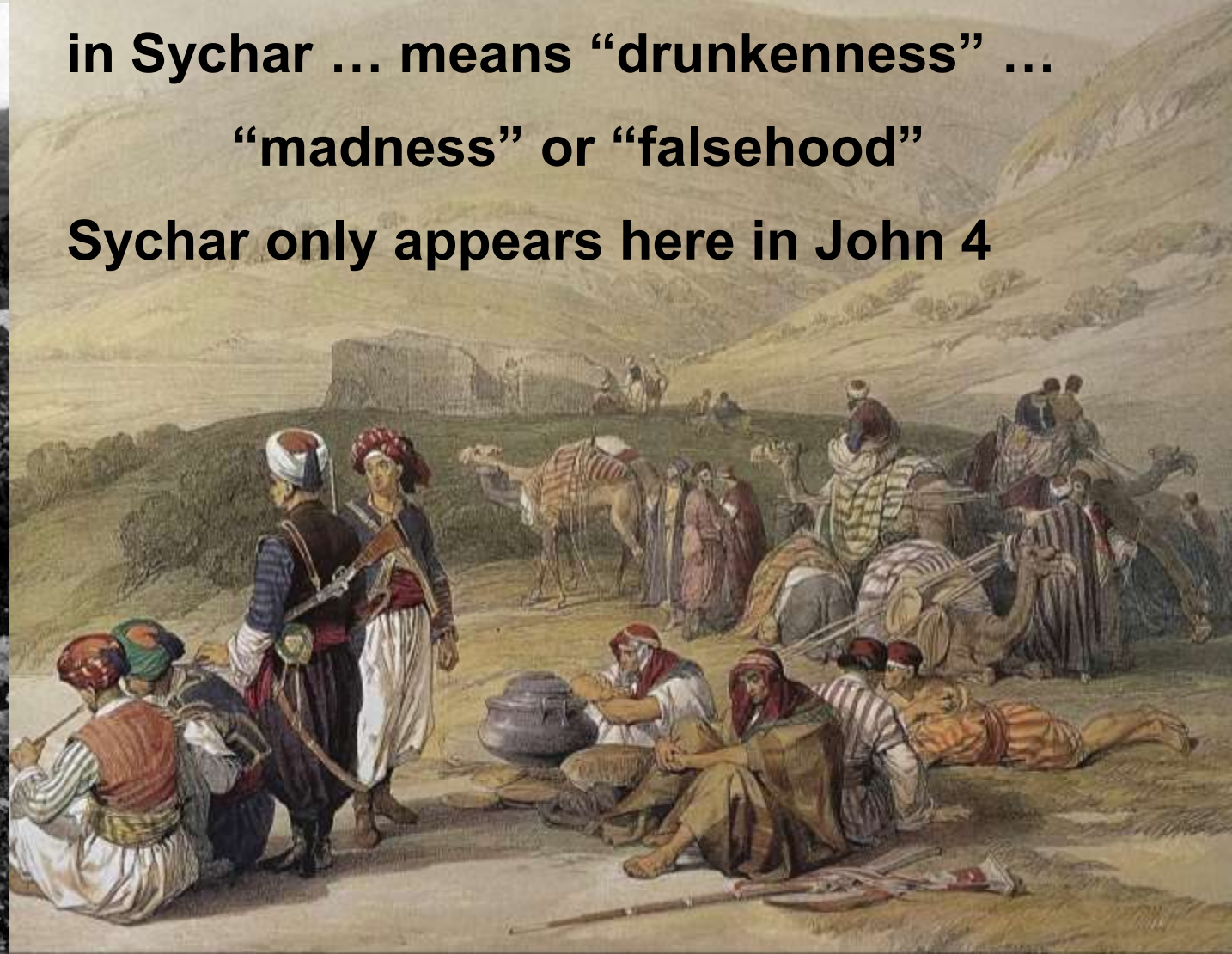
**Jacobs Well, Dwight Lathrop, *Camera Crusade thru Holy Land* (1912)**



**in Sychar ... means “drunkenness” ...**

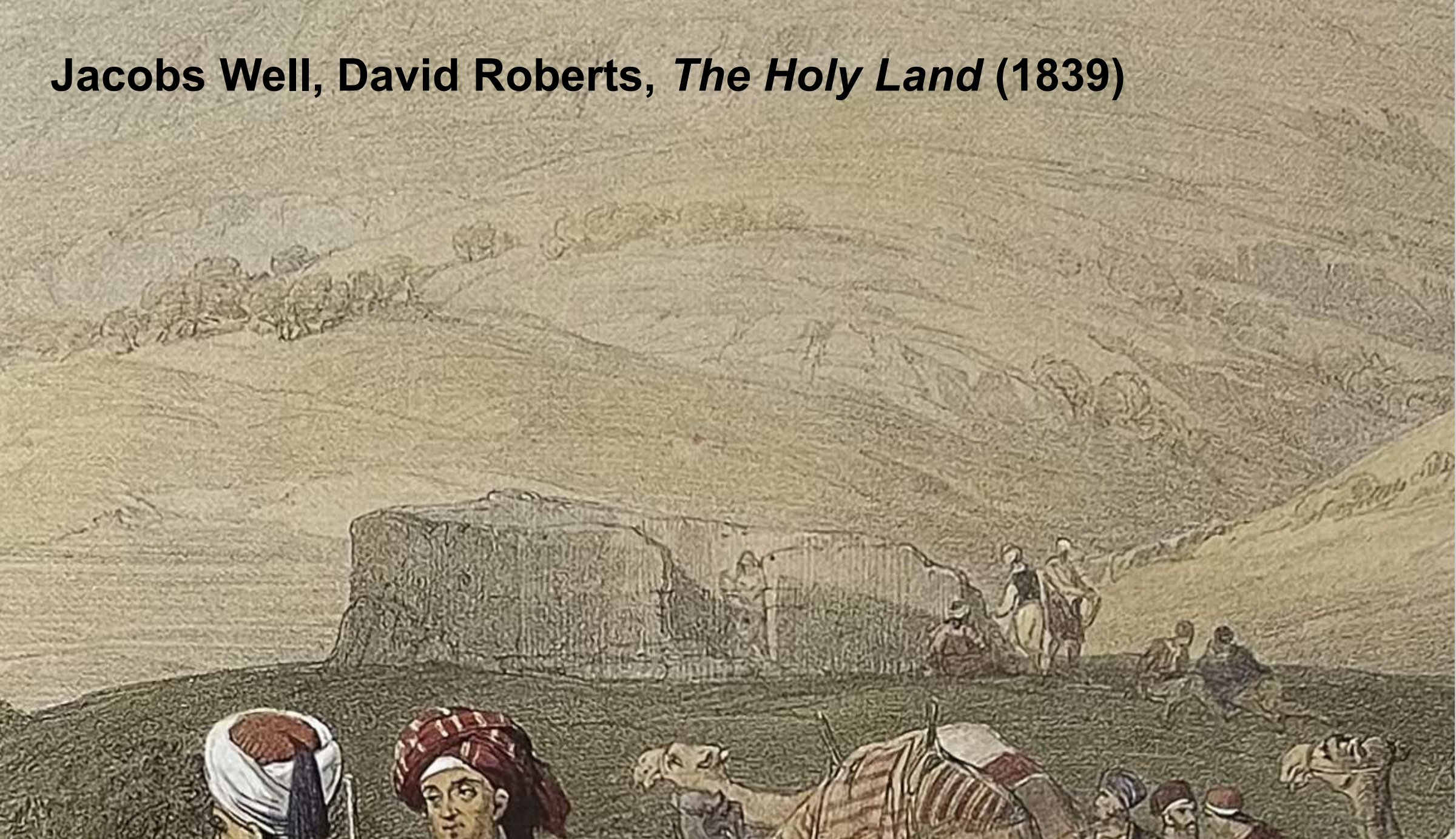
**“madness” or “falsehood”**

**Sychar only appears here in John 4**





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**Greek Orthodox St. Photini Church  
at Bir Ya'qub in 2008**

**Jacobs Well inside the church**





Perceiving Jesus truthful AND much MORE

12 Are you GREATER than our father Jacob,  
who gave us the well ... also his sons?

13 Jesus answered ...

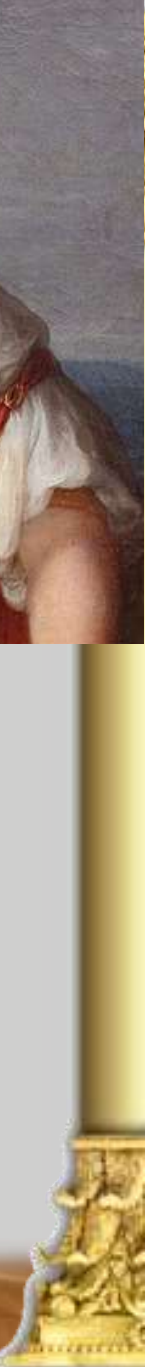
She is a God-fearing Samaritan

*30 verses later*, tells OTHER God-fearers

Not all Sycharians are church goers - devote  
Jesus—some profoundest words in N.T.

At NOON ... tired, thirsty, to a **WOMAN**

HOW DO WE KNOW THIS STORY?



Of course ... is it not obvious ...

MANY in town believed HER ...

So did the Disciple John ... he recorded  
What the WOMAN told EVERYONE ...

Here is a **WOMAN's** Recollection  
Who had 5 Husbands ... hmmm?

Why? ... Perhaps she was Too Honest

1st Century Roman *Culture* Valued Marriage

She knew MEN too ... Perceived Jesus

JESUS, too, knew that she KNEW

She *KNEW* Jesus was a

**GOOD Man**





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**I think I can make it now**

**the PAIN is gone**

**All of the BAD feelings  
have disappeared**



She perceives that Jesus is **TRUTHFUL**

13 Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks  
this water will be thirsty again, but

14 whoever drinks the water I give them  
will never thirst. Indeed, water I give  
them will become in them a spring of

water welling up to eternal life.”

What refreshing **words** ...

What invigorating **words** ...

Jesus is the **LIGHT**—his words **LIVING**

**Jesus IS the Living Water**





She perceives that Jesus is **TRUTHFUL**

**15 The 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.”**

**16 He told her, “Go, call your husband and  
Come Back.”**

**17 “I have no husband,” she replied.  
You realize ... a God-fearing Samaritan ...  
Married x5 ... Legally Divorced x5 ...  
So ... not so lucky ... but STILL HONEST**



Jesus calls HER OUT ...

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband.

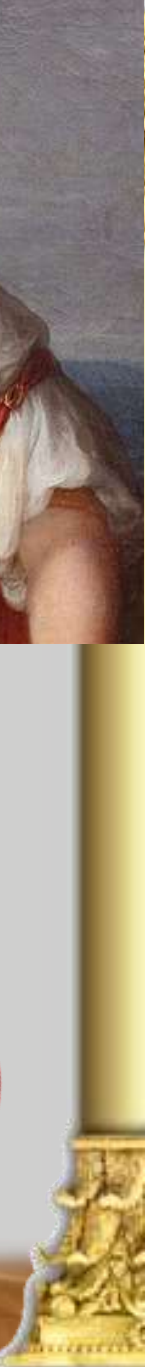
18 Fact is, you have had FIVE husbands, & man you now have is not your husband.

What you have just said is true."

19 "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet.

Hmm ... She is GETTING it ... *SEEING* *SEEING* what the JEWS missed ...

Jesus is OPENING Her *HEART*





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**Look all around,  
there's nothing but blue skies**

**Look straight ahead,  
*Nothing* but blue skies**



Carefully, wisely, “Let’s see what he is made of”

**20 Our ancestors worshiped on this  
mountain, but you Jews claim that the  
place where WE MUST worship is in  
Jerusalem**



**21 “Woman,” Jesus replied,  
“believe me, a time is coming when  
you will worship the Father neither  
on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.**

**Then Jesus sets her straight ... and  
We realize John’s recollection is short version**





**Jesus clarifies ... if you listen closely ...  
She BELIEVES what Jesus tells her ...**

**22 You Samaritans worship what  
you do not know; we worship  
what we do know, for salvation is  
from the Jews.**



**23 Yet a time is coming and has NOW come  
when true worshipers will worship the Father  
in the Spirit and in truth,  
for they are the kind of worshipers the  
Father seeks.**



I suspect Jesus pauses ... she reflects ...  
ALL of what Jesus says RINGS so very true  
Jesus sees her curious sincerity ... continues  
**24 God is spirit, his worshipers must worship  
in the Spirit and in truth."**



**25 Woman said, "I know that  
Messiah is coming. When he comes,  
he will explain everything to us."**

**26 Then Jesus declared,  
"I, the one speaking to you—I am He."**

At that moment

**All Fell into Place**





**What her family believed ... the confusion  
in the A.D. 30 Sychar/Samaritan centers  
Those who came & went to Jerusalem ...  
Not a few selfish, political, cheating MEN  
Jesus – she KNEW – spoke the **TRUTH** ... then**

**26 THEN Jesus declared,**

**“I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”**

**At that MONUMENTAL MOMENT ...**

**the SKY of her understanding parted  
ALL the town's best pastors ... visiting Jews  
in her town**

**HER Light Shined**



What Jesus had been explaining ... SO CLEAR

**4:26-27 Disciples come back to Jesus**

Surprised, but they said nothing ...

Woman leaves ... tells all in town

**4:31-38 Disciples ask about food ...**

Jesus instructs them on FOOD

**4:35 I tell you, open your eyes and look at  
the fields! They are ripe for harvest.**

Jesus is clear, but John does NOT clarify if

Disciples grasped *as well as* the Woman





28 Then, leaving her water jar, the woman  
went back to the town and said

29 “Come, see a man who told me  
everything I ever did.

Could this be the Messiah?”

THIS ... God-fearing Woman

She was EXCITED to discover ...

No, no, no ...she was thrilled to **KNOW**

Living Water > a spring in her own **HEART**

Jesus ... freed her understanding **HEART**



4:29 ...

**Could this be the Messiah?"**

She was a **RESPECTED** God-fearing woman

**4:30 They came out of the town  
and made their way toward him.**



**31-38 – Disciples yap about FOOD**

**4:39 MANY of the Samaritans from that town  
believed in him because the woman said,  
“He told me everything I ever did.”**

**SO MUCH MISSING ... not just x5 husbands**

**But the “Love the Living Water” *Seminar***





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that had me **BLIND**

It's gonna be a *bright – bright*  
**sunshiny day**



4:29 **Could this be the Messiah?"**

4:40 **So when the Samaritans came to Jesus,  
they urged him to stay ... two days.**

41 **Because of his words many more believed.**

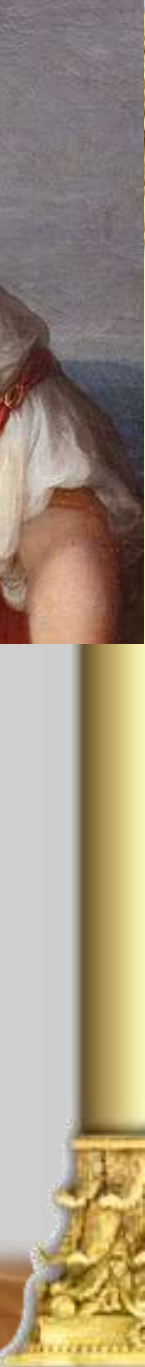
42 **They said to her, "We no longer believe just  
BECAUSE of what you said;**

***TOWN felt a need to be accountable to HER***

**now we have heard for ourselves,  
and we know that this man**

**Really is the Savior of the world."**

**Her enlightenment *ENLIGHTENED* the Town**





**As YOU face the week ... as YOU head into TOWN  
Can this Nameless Woman be an example ...  
Will anyone know that YOU, too, have been to ...**

# **THE Well** that YOU

**Love the Living Water** 