

COME THIRSTY

"If you are thirsty, come!
If you want life-giving water,
Come and take it."
It's free!
Revelation 22:17
(Contemporary English Version)

We all know what it is like to be ***thirsty***
both physically and spiritually.
That longing to quench your dry
mouth can be powerful.
But a dry ***heart***—that's unbearable!
If your heart has become crusty,
if your spirit is dry,
if your heart is parched,
you've come to the right place.

Sin sees the world with no God in it;
not one it will embrace.
Self-centeredness replaces God-
centeredness and the plague
of sin runs wild. Life, both physical
and spiritual withers and dies.
Because God loves human beings,
he said—not so fast. And Jesus came.

Are you thirsty?

"(v.4) He (Jesus) had to go through Samaria on the way. (v.5) Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. (v.6) Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. (v.7) Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Please give me a drink.' (v.8) He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.

(v.9) The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, 'You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?' (v.10) Jesus replied, 'If you only knew the gift God has for you and who I am, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.'

'But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket,' she said, 'and this is a very deep well. Where would you get this living water?' (v.12) And besides, are you greater than our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his cattle enjoyed?'

(v.13) Jesus replied, 'People soon become thirsty again after drinking this water. (v.14) But the water I give them takes away thirst altogether. It becomes a perpetual spring within them, giving them eternal life.' (v.15) 'Please, sir, the woman said, gives me some of that water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to haul water.' (v.16) 'Go and get your husband', Jesus told her. (v.17) 'I don't have a husband'. the woman replied. Jesus said, 'You're right! You don't have a husband—(v.18) for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now.' (v.19) 'Sir', the woman said, 'you must be a prophet.'—**John 4:4-19—(CEV)**

Oh yes—she was thirsty!

→Who wanted her?

→She was an outcast, mistreated, rejected. . . .oh yes, she was thirsty for Jesus' water!

Jesus—spoke to her which she could hardly believe.

Jesus—amazed her with his knowledge of her life.

Jesus—overcame **huge** racial, gender, religious barriers to share his life giving water.

Jesus gave his water to her which changed **everything** v.25-29(CEV)

Are you thirsty?

→Jesus' **invitation** to you is crystal clear!

"Ask, and you will receive.

Search, and you will find.

Knock, and the door will be opened for you.

Everyone who asks will receive. Everyone who searches will find.

And the door will be opened for everyone who knocks."—Matthew 7:7-8 (CEV)

→Jesus has special places in his heart for those who are **broken** and filled with pain.

"The LORD hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those who are crushed in spirit."—Psalm 34:17-18 (NLT)

→Jesus has ultimate power over all **evil**.

"A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, for they wanted to see for themselves what had happened. And they saw the man who had been possessed by demons sitting quietly at Jesus' feet, clothed and sane. And the whole crowd was afraid. So Jesus returned to the boat and left, crossing back to the other side of the lake. The man who had been demon possessed begged to go, too, but Jesus said, 'No, go back to your family and tell them all the wonderful things God has done for you.' So he went all through the city telling about the great thing Jesus had done for him."—Luke 8:35, 37b-39

Ready for a drink of the water of Life?

"The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let each one who hears them say, "Come." Let the thirsty ones come—anyone who wants to. Let them come and drink the water of life without charge."—Rev. 22:17(NLT)