Jesus’ Mission for the Father’s Worship and the Salvation of the World (4:1-42)

1. *Jesus’ Mission Drives His Every Action (vv.1-6)*
2. Jesus’ Mission Aims at Providing Living Water to Thirsty Sinners (vv.7-15)
   1. A Thirsty Woman and a Merciful Christ (vv.7-9)
      1. Her desperate situation (v.6b-7)
         1. Sinful and shamed
         2. Spiritually thirsty
            1. Without inward satisfaction
            2. Devoid of spiritual life
      2. His graciously scandalous actions (vv.7b-9)
         1. He breaks ethnic/religious barriers

*Samaritans were considered by the Jews to be half-breeds, turncoats, apostates, ceremonially unclean.*

*“Samaritans were thought to convey uncleanness by what they lay, sat, or rode on, as well as by their saliva…” (Keener)*

* + - 1. He breaks gender barriers (cf. 4:27)

*“According to Jewish sages, Jewish men were to avoid unnecessary conversation with women” (Keener)*

* + - 1. He breaks moral/social barriers (cf. 4:18)
  1. A Life-Giving Savior and an Ignorant Question (vv.10-12)
     1. He offers living water
        1. The prerequisites for receiving it
           1. Must know it is the gift from God
           2. Must know the identity of Jesus—the Messiah
        2. The means of receiving it – Ask!
        3. The essence of it – Eternal life (Purification and the Spirit; Jn. 3:5; 7:37-39)
     2. She mistakes Him and His water
        1. She mis-identifies the water
        2. She mis-identifies the giver
           1. She contents herself with empty tradition
           2. She misses his supremacy
  2. A Thirst-Quenching Water and a Mistaken Request (vv.13-15)
     1. He explains the thirst-quenching nature of this water (vv.13-14)
        1. Spiritual thirst:
           1. Being devoid of spiritual life (cf. Isa. 44:3; 55:1)
           2. Deep spiritual longing (cf. Isa. 55:2)
        2. How this water quenches thirst:
           1. It eternally transforms the inner-being through the New Birth
           2. It eternally satisfies the deepest longings and cravings in our souls.
     2. She mistakes the spiritual realities for physical ones (v.15)