"Is Jesus Enough?" John 4:1-26, 39-42

Introduction: Jeremiah 2:13 says, "For My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns—broken cisterns that can hold no water." Everything this world has to offer will ultimately leave us empty. Only Jesus will truly fill us up. People often ruin their lives trying to fill them with all the wrong things. How many stories have you heard of people who seemingly had it all ending their own lives? Stop looking for satisfaction in the wrong places. Come to the well. Come to Jesus, and let Him give you forgiveness, life, and satisfaction. Can Jesus really do this? Is He enough? Can He fulfill and satisfy us when nothing else can? I know He can because He's done it for me. Let me show you why this is true as we look at a story in the Bible in John 4.

- **1.** Jesus is enough because He meets us wherever we are (v. 1-9). He's looking for you like He was looking for this woman. He overcame several barriers to get to her. There was:
 - A. A Racial Barrier
 - B. A Religious Barrier
 - C. A Gender Barrier
 - D. A Social Barrier

He meets us where we are not to affirm us but to transform us. Jesus knows everything about us, but He loves us where we are as we are. He doesn't love the future, new and improved version of us, but the current messed up version.

2. Jesus is enough because He satisfies our deepest need (v. 10-15). Jesus moved the conversation from the material to the spiritual, but she confused the material and the spiritual. Like we often are, she was more interested in her felt needs being met and her life being more convenient. She wanted to not have to keep

making the long trip to this well to get drinking water. Jesus wanted her to come to Himself, the only true spiritual well and find internal and eternal salvation and satisfaction. That was what He was referring to by talking about living water.

3. Jesus is enough because He saves us from our sins (v. 15-26, **39-42).** This is where this conversation begins to get uncomfortable. It's easy to think about Jesus loving us and being available to help us without any demands on our lives. However, He does not actually work that way. Jesus knows everything about us. He knew everything about this lady and began to deal with her sin. She recognizes him as a prophet and begins to ask about where to worship because she knows she needs forgiveness and to worship God. Jesus uses this as an opportunity to show her that He is the Messiah. Jesus is the Messiah sent from God to save the world. He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings. He is fully God but became a genuine human being who never sinned and died to pay the price for our sins. We have all sinned, and "the wages of sin is death." However, Jesus died the death that we deserved and bore our punishment in order to forgive us and give us eternal life. He proved this to be true by rising from the dead.

In order to be saved and drink this Living Water that satisfies, we must:

- A. Admit our spiritual emptiness
- B. Repent of sin
- C. Trust Jesus as Savior and Lord

Conclusion: Are you empty? Will you admit that you cannot fill the emptiness with these earthly things? Will you admit that you are a sinner? Will you turn from your sin and turn your life over to Jesus as your boss (Lord)? Do you believe Jesus is God who came as a man and died for your sins and rose from the dead? Will you put your trust in Him right now?