



In the Flesh – John 4

January 14 | Weekly Devotionals

Section 1: Introduction

Today, we begin time in John 4. In John 4, the narrative shifts to the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. This chapter delves into themes of living water, worship, and the inclusive nature of the Gospel message. Jesus challenges societal norms, revealing himself as the source of true satisfaction and salvation.

Read all of John 4.

Section 2: Walk slowly through your passage

1. What cultural, religious, and social barriers are broken down in the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman (see verses 9 and 20)?
2. How does Jesus redefine worship according to verses 21-24?
3. Describe the woman's response to finding out that Jesus is "living water" and the Messiah in your own words. What does she do? What does she say? What emotions wind up driving her?
4. What does Jesus say his "food" is according to John 4:34?
5. How does this impact Jesus' interaction with the official's son in the remaining verses?

Section 3: Reflection questions

1. Reflect on a time when Jesus met you in unexpected circumstances, offering spiritual sustenance and satisfaction.
2. Consider the cultural or societal norms that might be barriers to your spiritual growth. How can you break free from them to experience the fullness of Christ's love?

3. How does the concept of "living water" resonate with your own spiritual thirst and the search for true satisfaction in life?

Section 4: Pray the Scriptures

Using John 4, write out a prayer based on this passage.

Section 5: Memorize Scripture

Throughout this series, we want to be memorizing Scripture. Use the prompts below to help you get John 4 into your heart and mind.

1. Write down John 4:34-38 in your journal or on a notecard.
2. Memorize John 4:34. Use various techniques to memorize the passage, such as repeating it out loud, creating visual associations, or setting it to a melody or rhythm, take time to commit these verses to memory.
3. Regularly review the passage throughout the week. Recite it from memory and reflect on its meaning and significance.