

## THE SUCCESSFUL HEALER

Matthew 4:23-25

And Jesus was going about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.

And the news about Him went out into all Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, overcome with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them.

And great multitudes followed Him from Galilee and Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.

## DAY SIX

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### WOMAN AT THE WELL

John 4:1-45

When Jesus knew that the Pharisees had heard that He was making and baptizing more disciples than John (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were), He left Judea and headed for Galilee. And He had to pass through Samaria. So He came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph; and Jacob's well was there. Jesus, weary from His journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

There came a Samaritan woman to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman therefore said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

She said to Him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where will you get this living water? You are not greater than our father Jacob, are you, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself along with his sons and his cattle?"

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water shall thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty, or need to come all the way here to draw." He said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have accurately stated, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you are now with is not your husband; this you have truly spoken."

*Jesus' public ministry spanned three or four years. During this time He encountered thousands of people, healed many, and preached the Gospel of the Kingdom to all.*

*This Samaritan woman was half Jewish and half Gentile. Jews of Jesus' day saw Samaritans as inferior, and because of this enmity the Samaritans worshipped the Living God in other places rather than Jerusalem.*

*Jesus, being no respecter of persons, didn't have religious trappings to keep Him from speaking the truth to this "woman at the well." As a result she told her friends and many Samaritans were able to come to Christ.*

*Living water is an amazing thing in any country at any time in history!*

*What motivated this woman?*

The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall you worship the Father. You worship that which you do not know; we worship that which we know, for salvation is from the Jews."

"But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth."

The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when He comes, He will make all things clear to us." Jesus said to her, "I am He."

And at this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman; yet no one said, "What do You want?" or, "Why are You speaking with her?"

So the woman left her water pot, and went into the city, and said to the men, "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?"

They went out of the city, and were coming to Him. Meanwhile the disciples were saying, "Teacher, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."

Because of this the disciples were saying to one another, "No one brought Him anything to eat, did they?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work."

"Do you not say, 'There are four more months, and the harvest comes'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. Already he who reaps is receiving wages, and is gathering fruit for life eternal; that the one who plants and the one who harvests may rejoice together."

"For in this case the saying is true, 'One sows, and another reaps.' I sent you to harvest that which you have not cultivated; others have worked, and you have entered into their labor."

And from that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I have done." So when the Samaritans came to Him, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. And many more believed because of His word; and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."

And after the two days He went from there into the region of Galilee. For Jesus Himself made it clear that a prophet has no honor in his own country. So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, because they had seen all the things that He had done in Jerusalem at the feast; for they had also been at the feast.

*The disciples were taking Christ literally about the subject of food. He explains through the example of hunger (and what is going on with the Samaritans) that His "food" was to do the will of His Father. The will of God was to proclaim spiritual release to a world lost in the darkness of sin and unbelief.*

*"White fields" describes the appearance of wheat right at its' optimal time for harvest. Jesus' fields (and the disciples') were the grain of His Father's in relationship to people's souls.*

# DAY SEVEN 7

## HEART TEACHINGS: GOD'S PERSPECTIVE ON A BLESSED LIFE

Matthew 5:1-48

*These have been called the "be-attitudes." Christ is teaching what it means to care about what God thinks, and how to experience God through a life of dedication. He makes it clear that we must come to God in humility and belief. If we are hungry for God's truth in our lives, we are told we will be satisfied.*

*Imagine if you could see life 100% from a spiritual perspective. This is what it would look like!*

*Jesus teaches that those who choose to follow God are like salt and light in a world that is rotting in darkness. The Gospel is the only hope for a man's soul.*

*The Scribes and Pharisees were influential leaders among the Jews. Jesus immediately began to confront their self-righteousness and hypocrisy.*

When Jesus saw the huge crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. He began to teach them, saying,

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when men throw insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me.

Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp, and put it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand; and it gives light to all who are in the house.

Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.

For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished.

Whoever then negates one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

For I say to you, that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven."