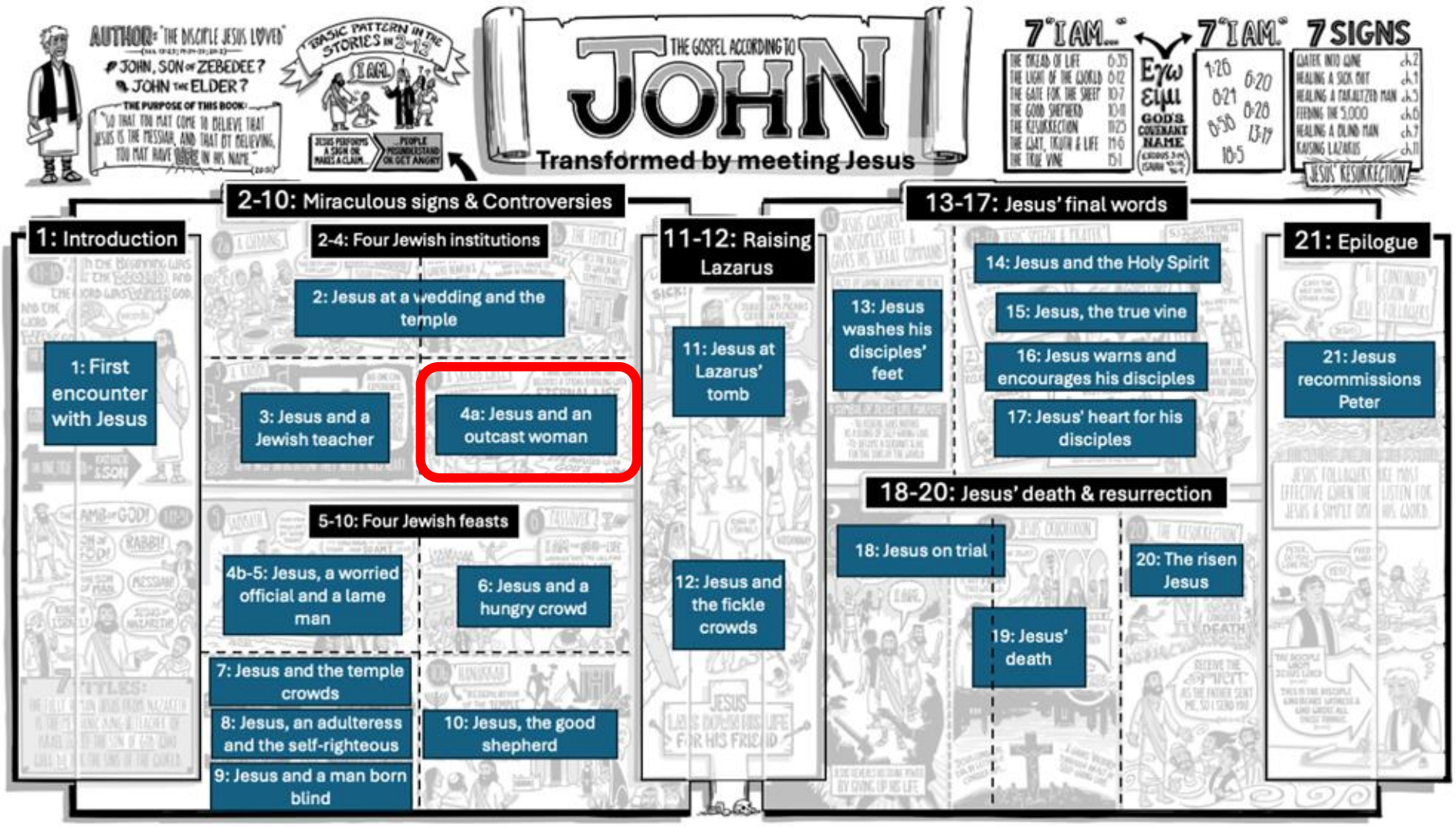
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John 4:1-42:

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

Part 1:

- Who was the Samaritan woman?

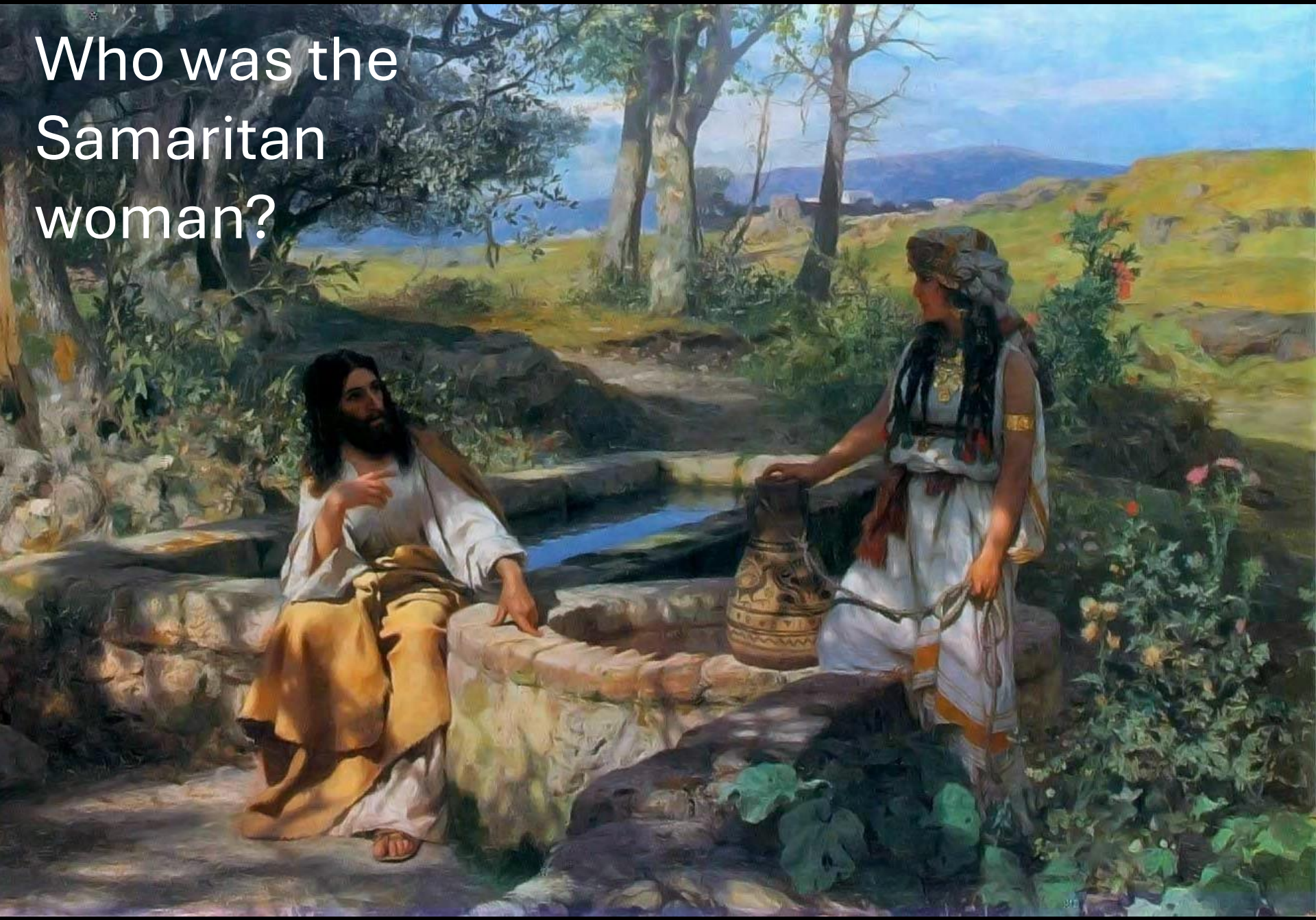
Part 2:

- What did she say and do?
- What does that mean for us?

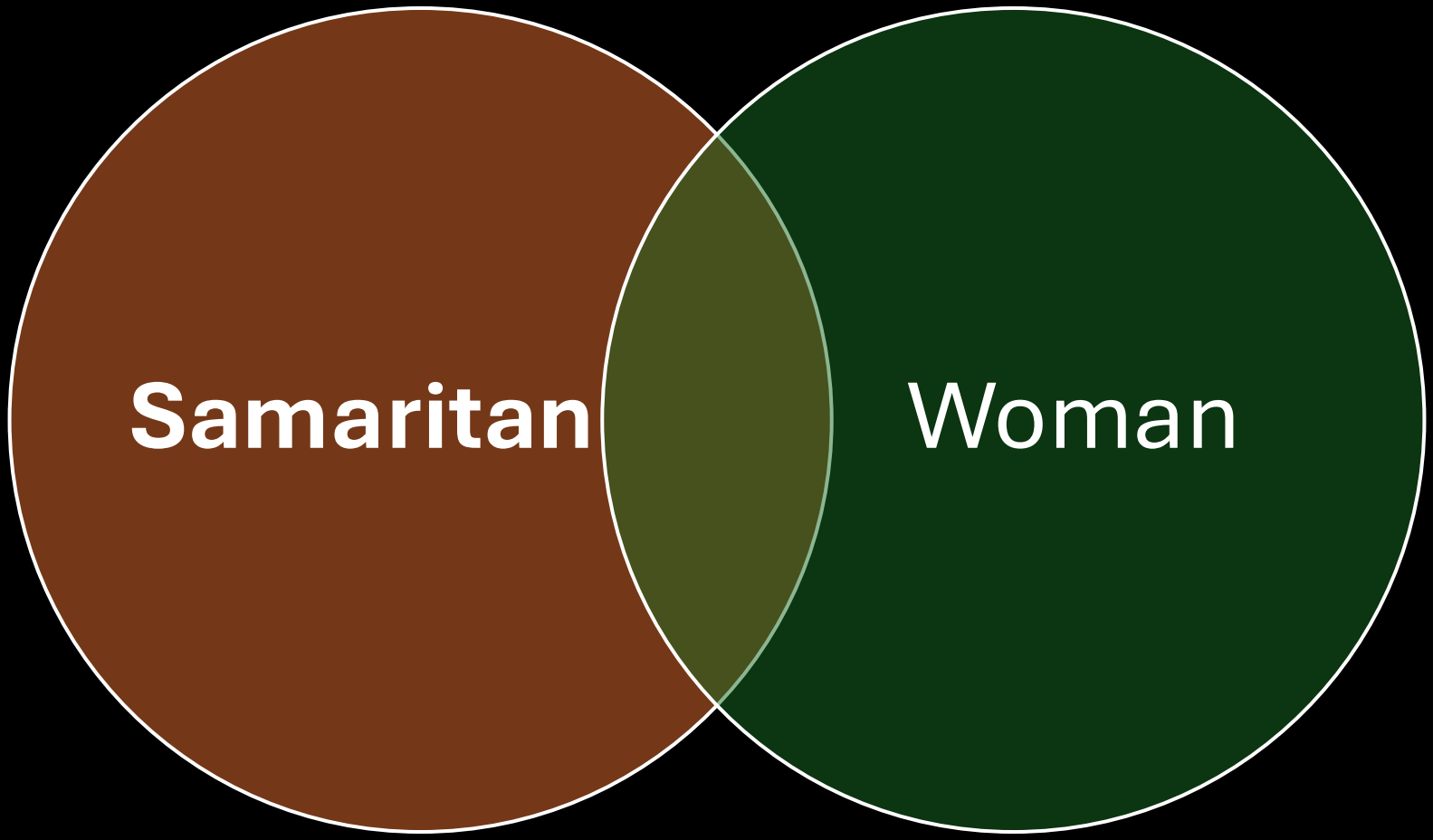


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Who was the Samaritan woman?



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Intersectionality: American civil rights scholar and legal professor Kimberlé Crenshaw

Samaria

- Part of the original Northern Kingdom of Israel
- Associated with idolatry in the Old Testament
  - (esp. C.11th-8th BC)
- But…



NT Samaritans

- Big on Moses… →
- Accepted only the Pentateuch (Genesis-Deuteronomy)
  - No prophets, no psalms, different traditions
- Didn't recognise Jerusalem temple / worship
  - "When the LORD your God has brought you into the land you are entering to possess, you are to proclaim on Mount Gerizim the blessings…" (Deut.11:29)
- Waiting for the "prophet like Moses"
  - "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you…" (Deut. 18:15)


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Temple on Mount Gerizim



Built mid-5th century BC

Perhaps by Priests forced out of Jerusalem

Reconstructed early 2nd C. BC

Destroyed by Hasmoneans c.110BC

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Proud of her religious heritage

12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

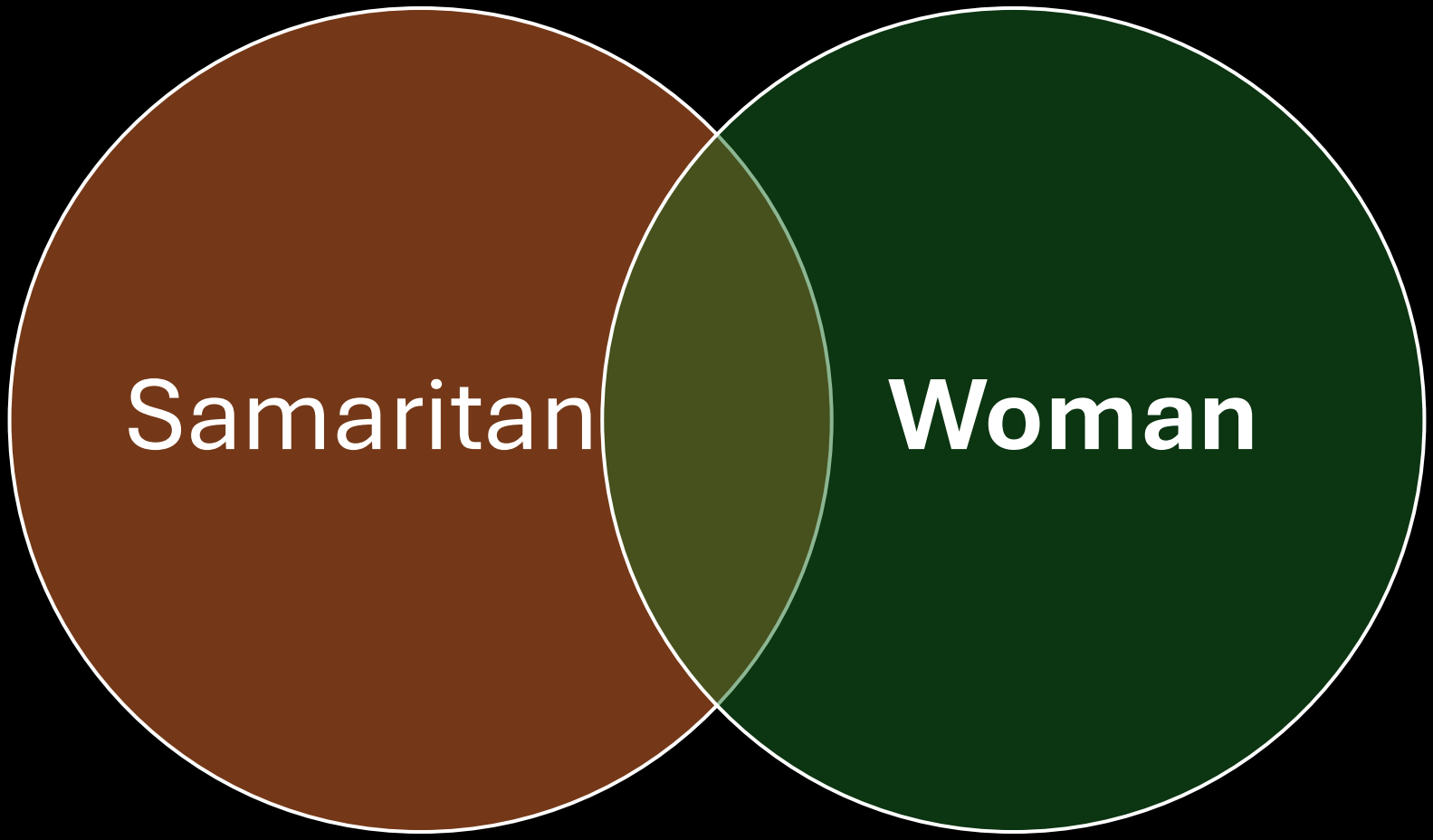
19 “Sir,” the woman said…
20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”



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The funniest religious joke of all time?
(by Emo Philips)




Samaritan
Woman

Women in NT times

- Often considered inferior, and responsible for most sin
- Good only as Wives and mothers
- Rabbi Yehudah says: a person should say three blessings every day: Blessed is he who has not made me a gentile. Blessed is he who has not made me an ignoramus. Blessed is he who has not made me a woman. (tBer 6.18)



27 Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a **Samaritan woman**. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)



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Defined by gender roles?

Jesus said to her… “[18] The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. ”

Unlucky? or unfaithful?

The woman… said to the people, [29] “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did.”



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Rejected?!

- It was about noon. [7] When a Samaritan woman came to draw water…



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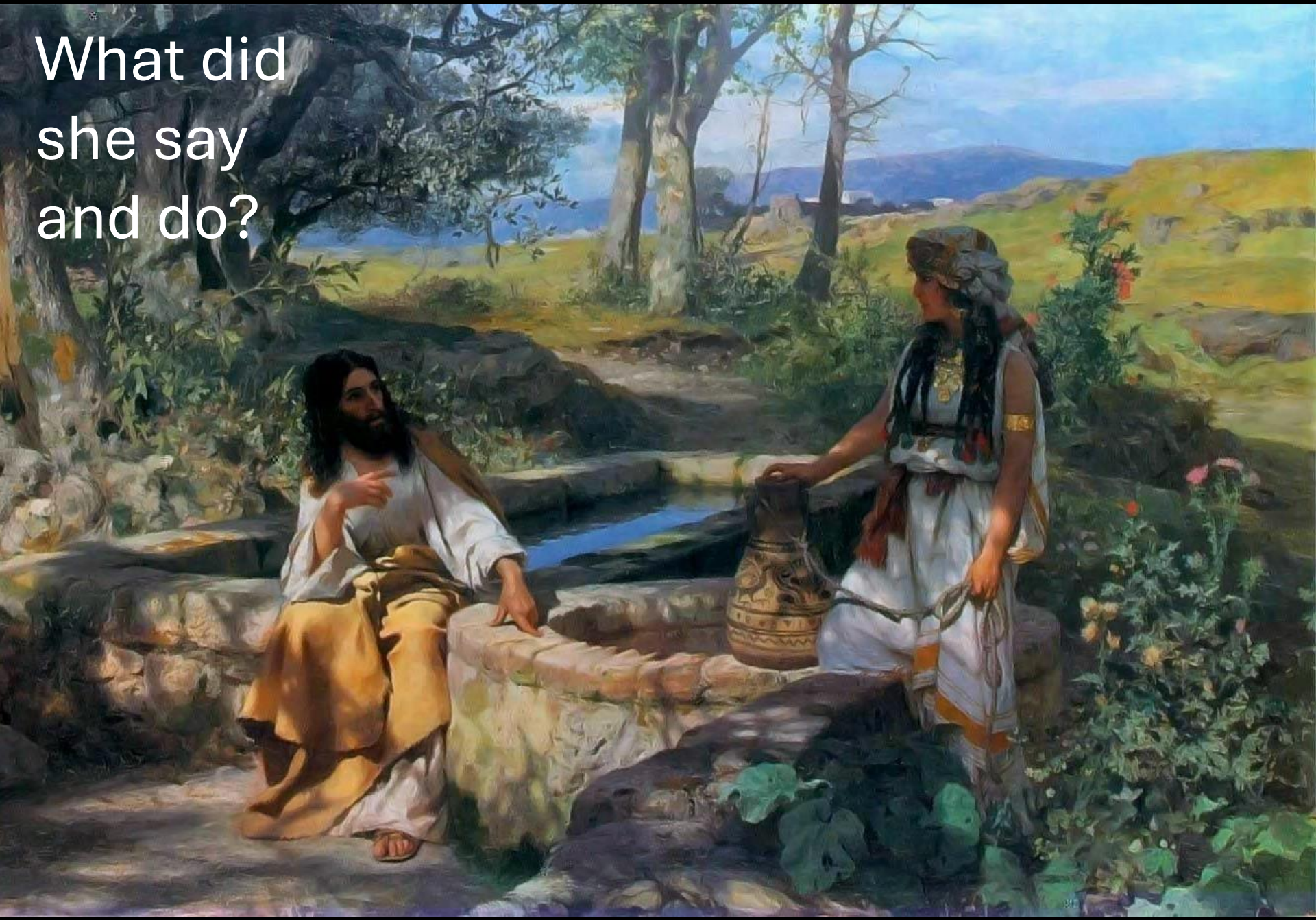
But still influential…

39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did."



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What did she say and do?



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A conversation with Jesus

Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?”

The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?”



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10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

11 “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?



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13 Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this
water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks
the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the
water I give them will become in them a spring of
water welling up to eternal life.”

15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water
so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming
here to draw water.”





16 He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

17 “I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

Woman





19 “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet.20 Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

21 “Woman,” Jesus replied, “…a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks”

Samaritan







25 The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) [or the prophet like Moses?] “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

26 Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”



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28 Then, leaving her water jar,

the woman went back to the town

and said to the people,

29 “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did.

Could this be the Messiah?”

30 They came out of the town and made their way toward him.







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What does that mean for us?



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Like the Samaritan woman we can…

Bring Jesus to our own communities:

Stop our mundane tasks for a while

Tell our neighbours what Jesus has done for us

Invite them to come and see for themselves…



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(if) Jesus is “what” (who!) we were waiting for

Are we waiting for something?

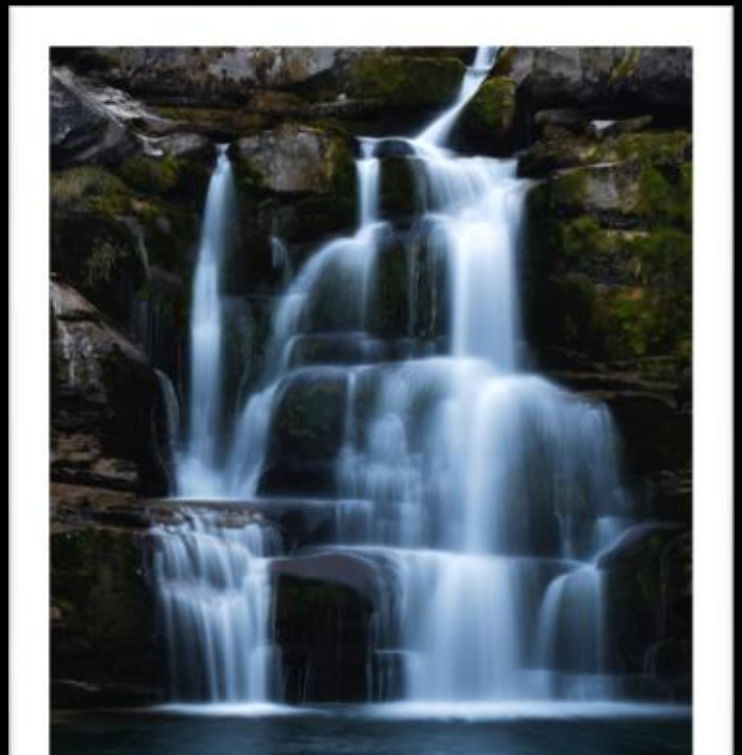
The Messiah?
The prophet like Moses?
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Our society doesn’t think so…



(if) Jesus is “what” (who!) we were waiting for

Jesus is
offering the Holy Spirit
and revealing God





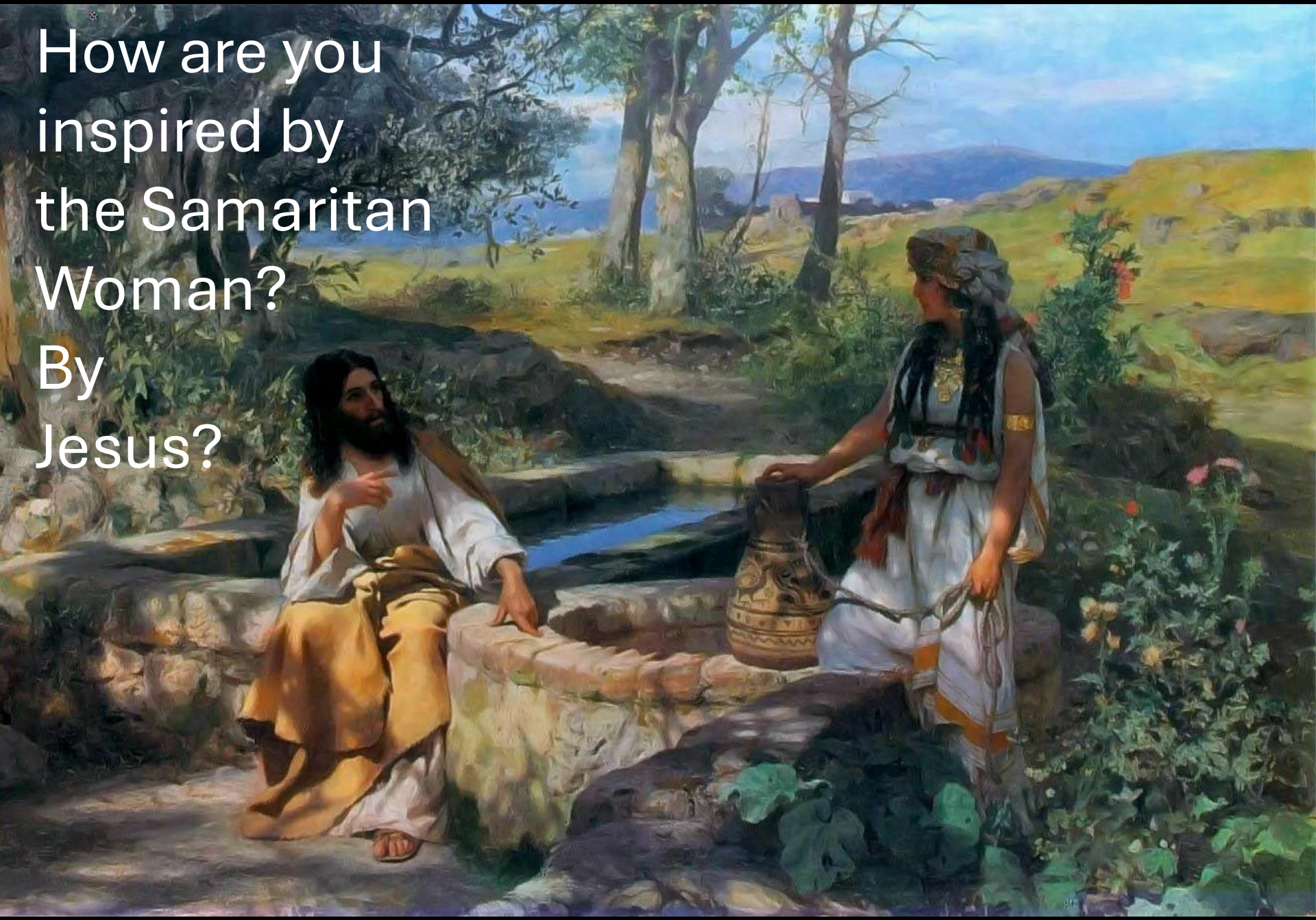
God is not limited by social categories

Jesus meet us wherever we are:

"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:28)



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