

The image shows three large, traditional ceramic water jugs, known as matka, arranged in a row. The jugs are made of light-colored clay and show signs of age and weathering, with some reddish-brown stains and marks. The jug on the left is decorated with several horizontal red stripes. The middle jug is plain and has a small, dark mark on its side. The jug on the right is also plain and appears slightly larger. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting an outdoor setting. The word "water." is written in a bold, brown, sans-serif font across the middle of the image, centered over the middle jug.

**water.**

**last week...**

**nicodemus...**

**nicodemus...**  
**(powerful Jewish man)**

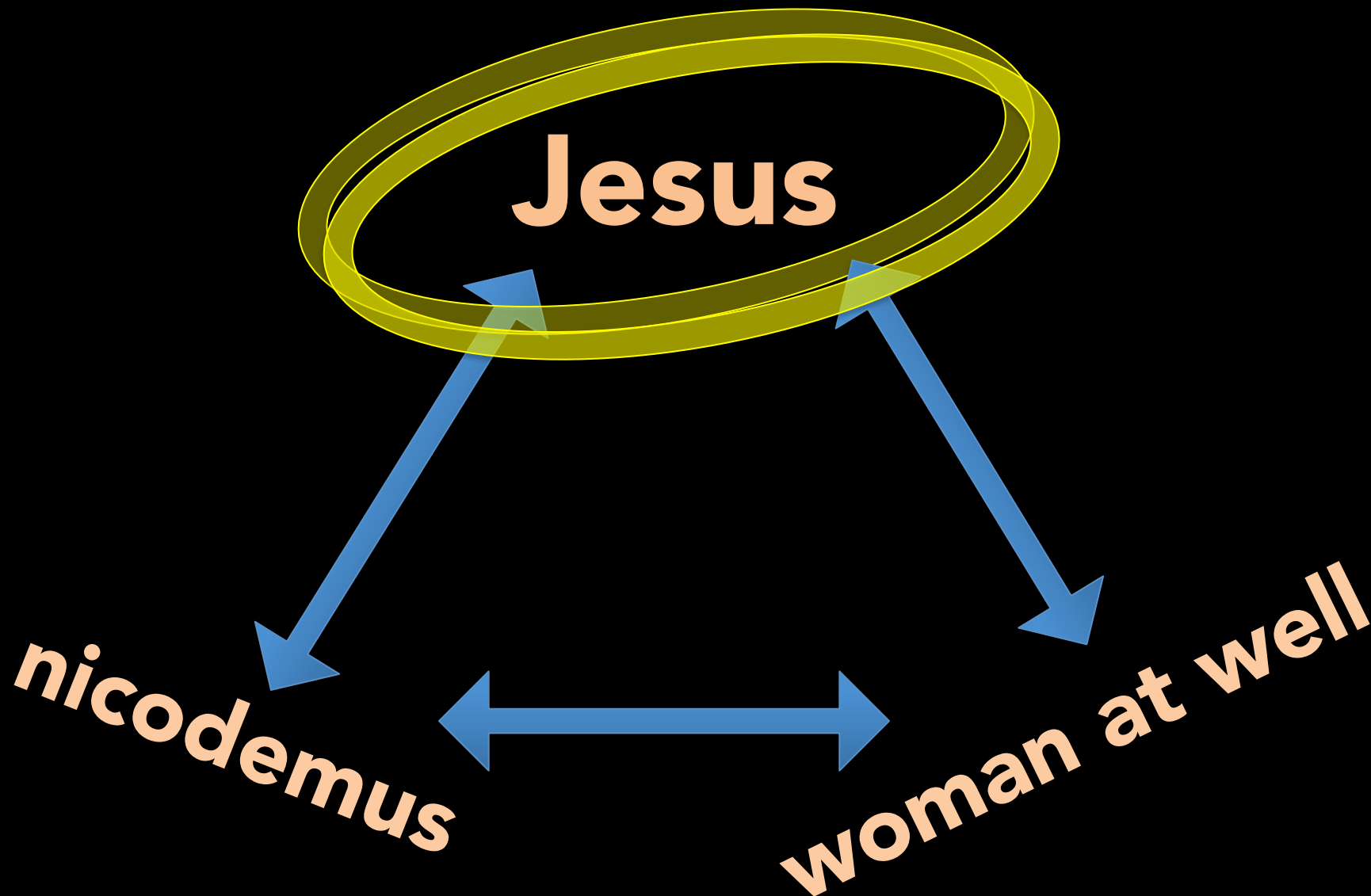
**Jesus**

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**nicodemus**

**woman at well**







**John 4:1-42**

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**dialogue...**

## Water

Jesus – v.7

Woman – v.9

Jesus – v.10

(if you knew)

Woman – vs.11-12

Jesus – vs.13-14

Woman – v.15

## Knowing

Jesus – v.16

Woman – v. 17

Jesus – v. 18

Woman – vs. 19-20

## Christ

Jesus – vs. 21-24

Woman – v. 25

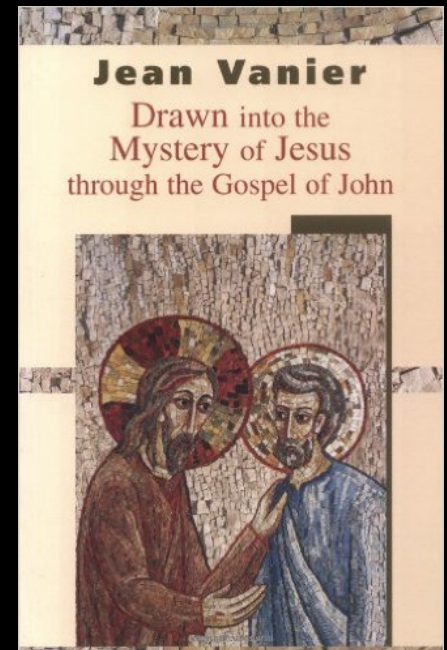
(I know)

Jesus – v. 26

**her response...**

"I AM" begs for water  
from one of the most despised and broken women,  
who is no one, with no name, who is nothing in the eyes  
of society.

Jesus reveals to her who she is and who she will become –  
a source of the waters of life of God –  
if she opens up her heart to him and receives his love.  
Misery and mercy meet in love.



## John 4

28 The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone,  
29 "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?"



**R. Alan Culpepper**

(Anatomy of the Fourth Gospel, 137)

"The woman becomes a missionary to the people. She evokes, therefore, the mission to the Samaritans. As nearly as possible in the narrative context she is given an apostolic role: she calls others as Jesus called the disciples, 'Come and see' (4:29, 1:39), and others believe 'because of her word' (4:39, 42; 17:20). She precedes the disciples, laboring where they are sent. They will enter into her work (4:38). True to her traditional name, therefore, the 'Samaritan woman' is a model of the female disciple and possibly a model of Samaritan believers also."

She runs off to the village in excitement, leaving the pitcher of water

(for now the living waters have filled her heart).

She finds a whole lot of people and tells them:

*"Come and see a man who has told me everything I have done! Could he be the Messiah?" v.29*

The waters of life are flowing forth from her just as Jesus had promised.

She has received life from Jesus, and now she is giving life.

The people are amazed and astonished by the transformation

that has taken place in her.

They follow her, go and meet Jesus and ask him to stay with them.

The gospel tells us:

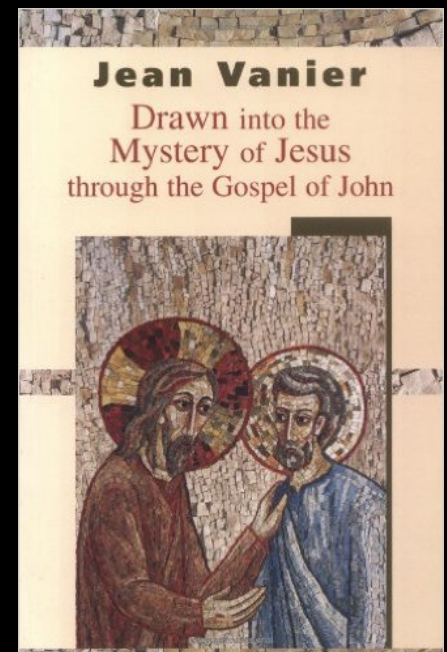
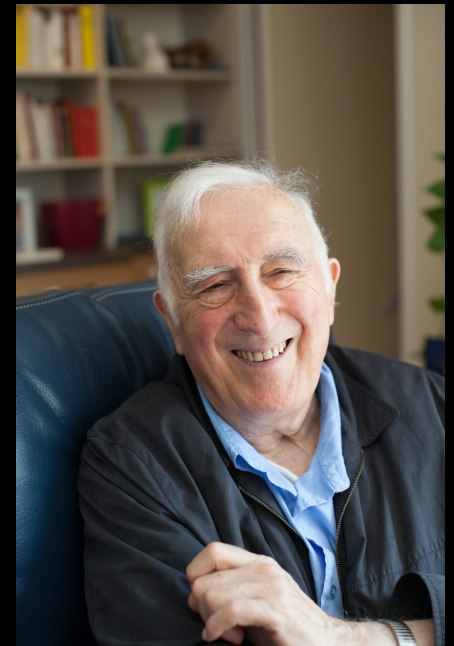
He dwelt with them for many days.

Then they said to the woman:

*"It is no longer because of what you said that we believe.*

*We know believe for ourselves.*

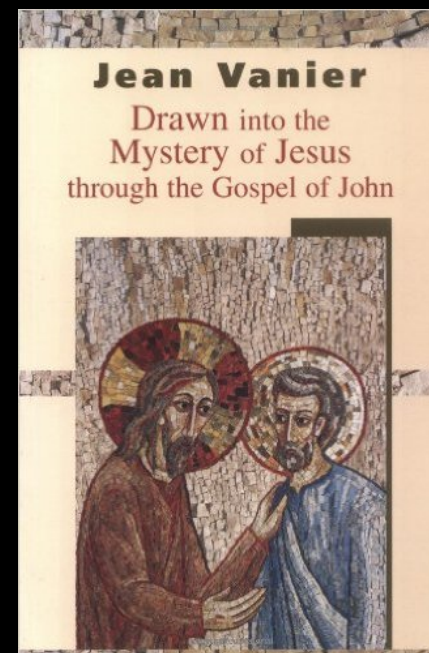
*We know that he is truly the the savior of the world."* v. 42





For those of us who realize that we are broken, lost, unloved,  
the revelation of the love of Jesus is wonderful news.  
When we become aware of how lonely and thirsty we are  
and how much we need the love of God,  
then we shall ask as this woman did:

*"Give me those waters that I may not thirst" v.15*



**people's response...**

## John 4

**30** So the people came streaming from the village to see him.

**39** Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!" **40** When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, **41** long enough for many more to hear his message and believe. **42** Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world."

## John 4

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## John 3

There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. 2 After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you."

**contrasted  
outcomes...**

**contrasted  
outcomes...**

**Invitation – Belief - Confession**

**her response...**

**(continued)**

**Community**



**our response...**

**Invitation – Belief – Confession – Tell**



the communion table...