



THE WORD IS THE QUEEN OF THE WORLD (AUT. 449)

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" --For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.-- Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and is flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." "I can see that you are a prophet.

Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him.

When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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REFLECTIONS TO FEED OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



'Will you give me a drink?'. Jesus starts asking for a drink, but ends offering water to the Samaritan woman. The water of Jesus makes people not to be thirsty again.

In our life, we drink from many waters to calm many kind of thirst we could have. But, as long as we keep drinking for those waters, our thirst will not be quenched. On the contrary, it seems that if we drink more, more will be our thirst. Nevertheless, we also have experience of drinking from that water Jesus offers us. A different water, a water which taste we cannot express with words, but with the heart. A water that is given to us for drink when we do not expect it, when we need it more. When I apart from God's way I am thirsty, but I always have the experience of the encounter with Jesus, who offers me from his water, which quenches me and comforts me.

IT IS WORD OF GOD (AUT. 450)



REFLECTIONS TO FEED OUR MISSION IN THE WORLD

In this world, there are many people who need the water only God can give to drink. He needs from us to distribute that water. Just as we receive the water, we in our mission of Lay Claretian are called to give drink those who are close to us, from that water that quenches thirst forever. That water that can only come from Jesus.

We have to look around us, recognize the thirst many people who surround us have, with whom we share our life and offer them that water. We have to offer the water modestly, humbly and with discretion. Feeling that, without being worthy of this huge honor, God wants us to collaborate with his task.

IT IS WORD OF LIFE (AUT. 450)

PRAYER FROM THE GOSPEL

Oh God, help me looking for that water that quenches the thirst forever. Do not let that I change your water for those other waters that are offered to me by this society. And drinking your water, I also want to be a distributor of that water of yours to the people who surround me. I know I do not deserve that huge honor, but I will do it because you want me to, and because you have chosen me for this task.



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