

Cultures Clash at Jacob's Well



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The original WATER GATE

The BAD History of hatred.

Ethnic Impurity and "Mixed" Heritage: After the Assyrians conquered the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 722 BC, they exiled many inhabitants and brought in foreign settlers, who intermarried with the Jews. Crafty ethnic cleansing.

Religious Schism and a Rival Temple: Samaritans accepted only the first five books of Moses (the Torah) and established their own temple on Mount Gerizim.

Historical Conflicts and Hostility: When the Jews returned from exile and began rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem, the Samaritans attempted to undermine them with pressure from **Persian** authorities.

The Woman was intelligent but (negatively stereotyped by Christians?)

- Understanding of the Pentateuch Scriptures.
- Knowledge of cultural history.
- Open and curious mind.
- A willingness to put history into context.
- She recognised God's Messiah immediately.

Why did Jesus select this woman?

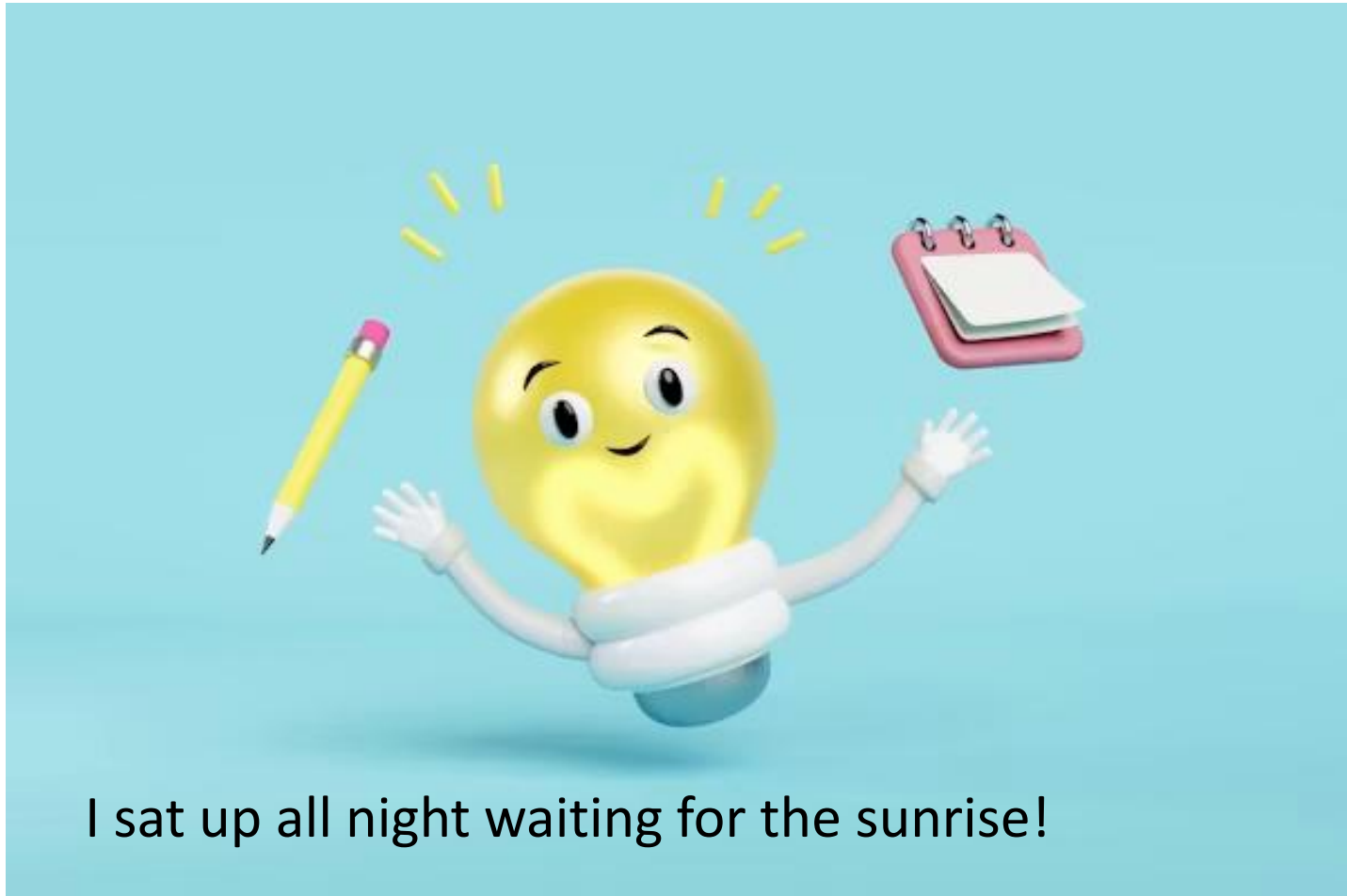
Simple:- Women listen and Men can't hear!

Well, well, well

Our Woman will have known the significance.

- **Isaac and Rebekah (Genesis 24):** Abraham's servant was sent to find a wife for Isaac and prayed for a sign at a well, where Rebekah offered water to both him and his camels.
- **Jacob and Rachel (Genesis 29):** **Jacob** met his future wife, Rachel, at a well when he helped her water her flock by moving a large stone covering it.
- **Moses and Zipporah (Exodus 2):** While fleeing from Egypt, Moses helped Zipporah and her sisters defend their flocks from shepherds at a well in Midian.

Prejudice:- an attitude, stereotyped beliefs, a tendency to discriminate



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The Woman was a cultural victim

- Men could divorce a woman at will.
- If the woman displeased the man.
- If the woman did not provide a son and heir.

Is this the key to all her problems?

She will have been despised by other women.

No children was “God’s Judgement”.

BUT Jesus turns this around

The Daily Mail

Headline News AD31

Attractive 48 year old divorcee meets the Messiah at our Jacobs well—**Shocking!**

Town's folk **stampede** to the well to meet the Messiah---His ancestor is King David-**Amazing!**

Shop keepers fly Star of David flag-**Horror**

Town Council are **outraged**, this Messiah must go.

Town Clerk says if love breaks out it will lead to the **anarchy** and civil unrest. Bring back hate and stability for the next agenda of the Town Council.

Woman **know your place-NOW!** Don't get ideas above your station. The Messiah is not interested in you.

The FIRST evangelist?

The disciples left their fishing nets and followed Jesus.

This woman left her water jug and followed Jesus.



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Do we need to return to the WELL?

Here is the Gospel of Jesus the Messiah

Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But anyone who drinks the water I give will never be thirsty again. The water I give people will be like a spring flowing inside them. It will bring them eternal life.” LUKE 4 13+14

For God so loved the world
and????