

Title: Mind The Gap - John 4 1-14

Read:

¹⁻³ Jesus realized that the Pharisees were keeping count of the baptisms that he and John performed (although his disciples, not Jesus, did the actual baptizing). They had posted the score that Jesus was ahead, turning him and John into rivals in the eyes of the people. So Jesus left the Judean countryside and went back to Galilee. ⁴⁻⁶To get there, he had to pass through Samaria. He came into Sychar, a Samaritan village that bordered the field Jacob had given his son Joseph. Jacob's well was still there. Jesus, worn out by the trip, sat down at the well. It was noon. ⁷⁻⁸A woman, a Samaritan, came to draw water. Jesus said, "Would you give me a drink of water?" ⁹The Samaritan woman, taken aback, asked, "How come you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" ¹⁰Jesus answered, "If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking me for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water." ¹¹⁻¹²The woman said, "Sir, you don't even have a bucket to draw with, and this well is deep. So how are you going to get this 'living water'? Are you a better man than our ancestor Jacob, who dug this well and drank from it, he and his sons and livestock, and passed it down to us?" ¹³⁻¹⁴Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life."

Think:

Thirsty? No drink will fulfil you like this guy. Seeking acceptance at school? No gang is going to accept you for who you are like this guy. Moving from one date to another looking for love? No one will love you like this guy. We could go on for ever. All of your mates and in-fact everyone at your school or college is looking for something. They are all seeking to fill a gap. They might look to fill the gap with drugs, they might try to fill it with alcohol, they may even try to fill the missing portion of their life with sex. But the truth is, just like the woman at the well if they fill the gap for a short time they will fill emptier tomorrow. It's doesn't get any different when you become an adult either, money, power they are all a short term fix. Seems to me if we can work out that nothing can fill the gap in our lives like Jesus can, then we can save ourselves whole lot of pain. If we ask Jesus to help us, then we don't have to suffer the after effects of reliance on some short term fix.

Pray:

Lord please come and fill my life with your presence. Jesus please please fill the gap in my life. Amen.

Action:

Take action today and remove from your life anything you were trying to replace Jesus with. Bye.