

Searching for Truth

John 4

(The Reader and the Actor will not interact together; instead, they will be looking at the audience while speaking. Readers and Actors should speak loudly and slowly so everyone can hear every word. Readers—read dramatically.)

Reader: Are you searching for truth? How do we know truth? In John 4, the woman at the well questioned Jesus, wanting to find truth. So, Jesus revealed the truth to her. It was lunchtime, and Jesus was tired. He sat beside a well to rest. When a woman came to draw water from the well.

Woman: (Enter from behind the divider carrying a bucket with a rope attached, and wearing a sign around your neck that reads “Searching for Truth”)

Reader: Jesus said to her, “Please give me a drink.”

Woman: Why are you asking me for a drink?

Reader: “Jesus replied, ‘If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.’”

Woman: (Look down as if looking into a deep well.) “But sir, you don’t have a rope or a bucket, and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water?”

Reader: Jesus said, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”

Woman: “Please, sir, give me this water! Then I’ll never be thirsty again, and I won’t have to come here to get water.”

Reader: Jesus replied, go, call your husband, and come back. She was honest with Jesus and said...

Woman: I don't have a husband.

Reader: "Jesus said, 'You're right! You don't have a husband—for you have had five husbands, and you aren't married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!'" In order to find the truth, we must be honest and admit the truth.

Woman: "Sir, you must be a prophet." (Pause)

Reader: Jesus replying: "The time is coming—indeed is here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

Woman: (Pull on the rope bringing the bucket up from the ground.)

"I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

Reader: "Then Jesus told her, 'I AM the Messiah!'"

Woman: I found the Messiah? (Drop your bucket—hand over your mouth and appear surprised.) I found the Messiah! (Exit quickly)

Reader: The woman left and told everyone in the village that she had found what she had been looking for.

Reader: Many more believed in Him, with a deep abiding trust, because of His word and personal message to them. "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.'"

"And we know that the Son of God (Jesus) has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God. And now we live in fellowship with the true God because we live in fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life." 1 John 5:20