

# living water



**CHARACTERS:** Announcer, Well Woman, Villagers 1-3

**SETTING:** A well

**PROPS:** Bucket, well, rope

**ANNOUNCER:** And now, the (your church) "Barely Adequate Players" proudly present, "The Woman at the Well" or "Ya Gotta Meet Him." We take you directly to a well in Samaria where a woman is telling her friends about a strange visitor she has just met.

**WELL WOMAN:** He was right here! Right here, I tell you!

**VILLAGER 1:** Yeah. Right. The Son of God needed a drink.

(Villagers laugh)

**WELL WOMAN:** Aaaaah! It's true. He was on his way from Judea to Galilee and decided to take a shortcut.

**VILLAGER 2:** Did you hear that? The Son of God takes shortcuts!

(Villagers laugh)

**WELL WOMAN:** He was tired from the journey and sat down by the well. That's when he talked to me.

**VILLAGER 1:** Why would a man talk to you?

**WELL WOMAN:** I tell you, he did!

(Villagers laugh)

**VILLAGER 2:** Why would a Jewish man talk to you?

**WELL WOMAN:** (Looking around) That's what I asked him. He was a prophet!

**VILLAGER 3:** A prophet? If he were a prophet, he would have known what kind of a sinner you were, and he would have steered clear!

**WELL WOMAN:** He didn't seem to care what race or sex I was, or about my less-than-stellar history when it comes to men. He looked right at me and spoke as if he knew me. That's when he offered me the living water!

**VILLAGER 1:** Living water?

**WELL WOMAN:** Living water!

**VILLAGER 1:** We try to boil the living stuff out of it before we drink it here.

**WELL WOMAN:** No, no, no! Living water. The water of life!

**VILLAGER 2:** Too many sheep upstream, and the water takes on a life all its own, if you get my drift.

**WELL WOMAN:** (Screaming) Aaaaahhh! (Villagers laugh and mock her)

**VILLAGER 1:** Okay! Okay! So he offered you living water. What else did he say?

**WELL WOMAN:** He told me to go call my husband. (Villagers burst out in laughter)

**VILLAGER 2:** Which one?

(Villagers laugh again)

**WELL WOMAN:** I told him I didn't have a husband.

**VILLAGER 3:** You got that right.

(Villagers laugh)

**WELL WOMAN:** I told him I didn't have a husband. And he told me that he knew I have had five husbands, and I'm not exactly married to the man I'm living with now.

**VILLAGER 3:** He got that right.

(Villagers laugh)

**WELL WOMAN:** Then he said the strangest thing.

**VILLAGER 2:** Let me guess, you got into a heavy theological discussion about the nature of worship?

(Villagers laugh)

**WELL WOMAN:** Why, that's right! I asked him why the Jews say you have to worship in Jerusalem and our ancestors said we should worship way up here on this holy mountain.

**VILLAGER 3:** And I suppose he said that God doesn't care where you worship.

**WELL WOMAN:** Exactly! He said, "God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

**VILLAGER 2:** What's that supposed to mean?

**WELL WOMAN:** I don't exactly know, but it sounded good. I told him, "I know that the Messiah is coming and that when he comes he will explain everything to us." Then he said it.

**VILLAGER 1:** Said what?

**WELL WOMAN:** He said "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

**VILLAGER 3:** Of course he was the one speaking to you.

**WELL WOMAN:** No. He said he was the One! The real One! The Messiah! (Villagers laugh)

**VILLAGER 3:** Imagine that. The Messiah of the world was drinking from Jacob's well.

**WELL WOMAN:** Just now! (Villagers laugh louder)

**VILLAGER 3:** Ha ha! The Messiah of the world, the one who is to come and proclaim God's reign came to you!

**WELL WOMAN:** That's what he did!

**VILLAGER 3:** (Bending over laughing) Wait! Ha! Ha! Stop! You're killing me here! Ha ha! He came to you, a sinner, a woman, and a Samaritan to give you living water? (Villagers laugh louder still)

**WELL WOMAN:** Yes! Yes! And he can give it to you, too.

**VILLAGER 3:** And where, pray tell, can we find this living water?

**WELL WOMAN:** The living water is... the living water is... Jesus himself!

(All characters freeze. Announcer steps out)

**ANNOUNCER:** And Jesus said, "Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."