

~JACOBS FOUNTAIN (156)

- The well or fountain where Jesus Christ, while resting, conversed with a Samaritan woman.
- Accordingly he came to a city of Samaria called Sychar near the field that **Jacob** gave to Joseph his son. (**John 4:5**)
- In fact, **Jacob's** fountain was there. Now Jesus, tired out from the journey, was sitting at the fountain just as he was. The hour was about the sixth. (**John 4:6**)
- A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her; Give me a drink. (**John 4:7**)
- For his disciples had gone off into the city to buy foodstuffs. (**John 4:8**)
- Therefore the Samaritan woman said to him; How is it that you, despite being a Jew, ask me for a drink, when I am a Samaritan woman? For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. (**John 4:9**)
- In answer Jesus said to her; If you had known the free gift of God and who it is that says to you, Give me a drink, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water. (**John 4:10**)
- She said to him; Sir, you have not even a bucket for drawing water, and the well is deep. From what source, therefore, do you have this living water? (**John 4:11**)
- You are not greater than our forefather **Jacob**, who gave us the well and who himself together with his sons and his cattle drank out of it, are you? (**John 4:12**)
- In answer Jesus said to her; Everyone drinking from this water will get thirsty again. (**John 4:13**)
- Whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty at all, but the water that I will give him will become in him a fountain of water bubbling up to impart everlasting life. (**John 4:14**)

- The woman said to him; Sir, give me this water, so that I may neither thirst nor keep coming over to this place to draw water. (John 4:15)
- He said to her; Go, call your husband and come to this place. (John 4:16)
- In answer the woman said; I do not have a husband. Jesus said to her; You said well; A husband I do not have. (John 4:17)
- For you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. This you have said truthfully. (John 4:18)
- The woman said to him; Sir, I perceive you are a prophet. (John 4:19)
- Our forefathers worshiped in this mountain, but you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where persons ought to worship. (John 4:20)
- Jesus said to her; Believe me, woman, The hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you people worship the Father. (John 4:21)
- You worship what you do not know, we worship what we know, because salvation originates with the Jews. (John 4:22)
- Nevertheless, the hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshipers will worship the Father with spirit and truth, for, indeed, the Father is looking for suchlike ones to worship him. (John 4:23)
- God is a Spirit, and those worshiping him must worship with spirit and truth. (John 4:24)
- The woman said to him; I know that Messiah is coming, who is called Christ. Whenever that one arrives, he will declare all things to us openly. (John 4:25)
- Jesus said to her; I who am speaking to you am he. (John 4:26)
- Now at this point his disciples arrived, and they began to wonder because he was speaking with a woman. Of course, no one said;

What are you looking for? Or, Why do you talk with her? (**John 4:27**)

- The woman, therefore, left her water jar and went off into the city and told the men. (**John 4:28**)
- Come here, see a man that told me all the things I did. This is not perhaps the Christ, is it? (**John 4:29**)
- They went out of the city and began coming to him. (**John 4:30**)
- It is considered to be **Bir Ya`qub**, **Be`er Ya`aqov**, situated about 2.5 kilometers (1.5 miles) Southeast of modern-day Nablus, not far from **Tell Balata**, the site of Shechem. **Jacob's** fountain is a deep well, the water level of which never rises to the top.
- Measurements made in the last century indicate the wells depth to be about 23 meters (75 feet). It is approximately 2.5 meters (8 feet) wide, although narrowing at the top.
- Because the well is usually dry from about the end of May until the autumn rains, some reason that its water is derived from rain and percolation. But others believe that the well is also spring fed and therefore could also be called a **fountain**.
- The Bible does not directly state that **Jacob** dug the well. However, it does indicate that **Jacob** had property in this vicinity.
- In time **Jacob** came safe and sound to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, while he was coming from Paddanaram, and he pitched camp in front of the city. (**Genesis 33:18**)
- Then he acquired a tract of the field where he pitched his tent at the hand of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem, for a hundred pieces of money. (**Genesis 33:19**)
- After that he set up there an altar and called it God the God of Israel. (**Genesis 33:20**)
- And Joseph's bones, which the sons of Israel had brought up out of Egypt, they buried in Shechem in the tract of the field that Jacob had acquired from the sons of Hamor, Shechem's father, for a hundred pieces of money, and it came to belong to the sons of Joseph as an inheritance. (**Joshua 24:32**)

- **Accordingly he came to a city of Samaria called Sychar near the field that Jacob gave to Joseph his son. (John 4:5)**
- **And the Samaritan woman told Jesus that **Jacob** gave us the well and he together with his sons and his cattle drank out of it.**
- **You are not greater than our forefather Jacob, who gave us the well and who himself together with his sons and his cattle drank out of it, are you? (John 4:12)**
- **So Jacob likely dug it or had it dug, perhaps to provide water for his large household and flocks, thereby preventing trouble with his neighbors, who doubtless already owned the other water sources in the region. Or, he may have needed a better and more permanent supply of water when other wells in the area dried up.**