

I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. In this series “Empty” we’ve looked at 2 very different people

- o **Thief on the cross** – he was empty and he and everyone knew it
- o **Nicodemus** – one of the best of the best and he and everyone knew it

B. Jesus emptied Himself ...

Philippians 2:5-8 (ASV) ⁵ Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: ⁶ who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; ⁸ and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross.

- He emptied himself of heaven ... So He could be filled with earth

C. Jesus emptied Himself but He came to earth full of grace and truth

John 1:14, 16-17 (NKJV) ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁶ And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ

Grace and Truth

- Grace and truth don’t compete with each other they complement each other
- God’s grace is only as visible as His truth is made clear
- Truth reveals a problem and grace reveals the answer to the problem

D. Sin creates a distance between humanity and God and in-between us and God is “empty” and we try many things to fill the emptiness

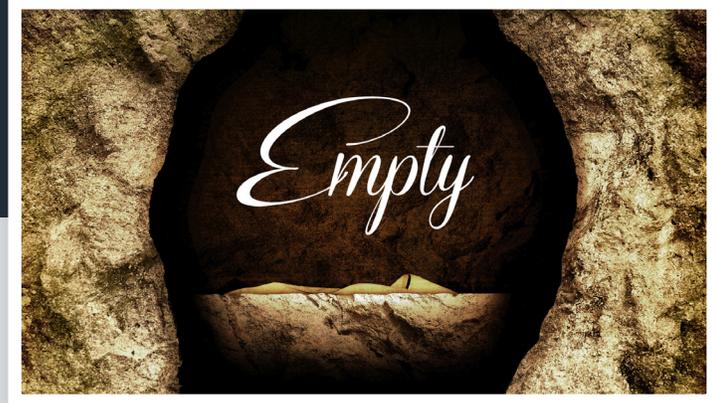
II. THE STORY OF THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

John 4:4 (NKJV) But He needed to go through Samaria.

John 4:7, 9 (NKJV) ⁷ A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” ⁹ Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

John 4:10-11 (NKJV) ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.” ¹¹ The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?”

B. Jesus offers her a better way to quench what was really making her thirsty



John 4:13-14 (NKJV) ¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

John 4:15 (NKJV) ¹⁵ The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”

C. Confronted by grace and truth

John 4:16-17 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” ¹⁷ The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”

III. LIFE MADE HER EMPTY

Recognizing you're empty is an invitation for God to fill the emptiness

- A. Jesus enabled her to receive grace by bringing up the truth
- B. When we're faced with “the truth” this is what God offers

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.