

## All Things

“The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he“, John 4:25–26.

Some two and a half thousand years earlier, Moses had requested that God gave him a name that he, Moses, could relate back to the Hebrew tribes, as God, through Moses, prepared a way for the Israelites to release themselves from the Egyptian bondage.

When Moses, stood before the Person on the Mount asked for a Name, God told him “I AM”.

God clearly stated that as ‘I AM’, He would lead the people through Moses, Exodus 3:14,

God also declared that as ‘I AM’, He would be known by that Name by all generations, Exodus 3:15.

God did free them from their bondage, protected them, feed them, and supply them with water as they went through the desert, all of which they were happy to receive daily – while it met their desire standards. When it did not meet ‘their desired standards’, they complained.

When they entered the Promised Land, and their enemies were at the bottom of the Red Sea. Two and a half tribes decided they still preferred the other side, and did not enter the Land.

Form then, until the Birth of Jesus, their moral standards were generally in a decline, with an occasional small peak of righteousness here and there.

At the time of Jesus’ Birth, the general standard of worship had degenerated into nothing more man made religion, and generally centring upon those who were at the ‘top of the ladder’.

John does not clarify why Jesus left Judea to head towards Galilee.

The road Jesus took was not the popular route for the Jews to take, for it took them through the areas of the very people they hated.

Jesus took that route because His Father had a particular woman He wanted His Son to meet.

Even the meeting place was most appropriate – Jacob’s Well.

### The I AM who offers refreshment.

The request made by Jesus for a drink was, in reality, a confrontational request. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit turned the confrontational aspect into a redemptional aspect by the use of ‘I AM’ – “...I that speak

unto thee am he”.

An angel would have entered the well to get Jesus a drink, but that would not have given the woman the chance of receiving the water that led to eternal life, John 4:14.

The I AM who knows all things about me since my birth.

Jesus was aware that she had been married five times, but that she now lived – as a married woman – to one she was not married to.

One senses a bit of a snap in her voice at this time, “I have no husband”.

Perhaps she was starting to wonder just who this Jew might be.

Jews did not ask Samaritans for a drink of water. However, to talk about her private life was making her feel uncomfortable.

She was now between confusion and a clear conscience. And there was still just a little matter about not having to get water again.

With the Lord’s command “...Go, call thy husband, and come hither”, John 4:16, she was forced to face the major failure of her life.

Remarkable, isn’t it.

Jesus came to call the wandering sheep of Israel back into the fold. The shepherds of the day opposed Him.

Through the early Apostles and disciples, Jesus sought the wayward sheep of the Gentiles.

As with the Jews, some responded, but many of the Gentile shepherds have also taken the same path as the Jewish shepherds of the day.

Jesus is returning soon. Will you be one of the sheep who will know His Voice, or will you only know the voice of the false shepherds?