

"MEETING JESUS ON THE WAY..."
(Part2...THE SKEPTIC)
JOHN 4:1-42
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→ **On His Way To The Cross, Jesus Met...A SKEPTIC.**

A SKEPTIC IS SOMEONE WHO HAS *"....an attitude of doubt or a disposition to incredulity either in general or toward a particular object."* (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

→ Even Christians Can Sometimes Be **Skeptical**.

♦ **Sometimes we are skeptical of God's PROMISES.**

"I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours." Mark 11:24 (NLT)

♦ **Sometimes we are skeptical of God's PRESENCE.**

"...you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very end." Matthew 28:20b (NIRV)

♦ **Sometimes we are skeptical of God's POWER.**

"Don't be afraid, for I am with you.
Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you.
I will hold you up with my victorious right hand." Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

The opposite of skepticism is FAITH.

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM ONE WOMAN'S JOURNEY FROM SKEPTICISM TO FAITH?

1. We Can Trust Jesus To Accept Us Regardless Of WHO WE ARE.

Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." ⁸He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. ⁹The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?" John 4:7-9 (NLT)

2. We Can Trust Jesus To Accept Us Regardless Of WHAT WE DO.

¹⁶"Go and get your husband," Jesus told her.

¹⁷"I don't have a husband," the woman replied.

Jesus said, "You're right! You don't have a husband—¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and you aren't even married to the man you're living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!" John 4:16-18 (NLT)

3. We Can Trust Jesus To Accept Us So That We Can ACCEPT OTHERS.

²⁸The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" ³⁰So the people came streaming from the village to see him...³⁹Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!" John 4:28—30, 39 (NLT)

NEXT STEPS

☐ **I Will Trust Jesus Every Single Day To Accept Me Regardless Of Who I Am Or What I Do.**

☐ **Every Single Day, I Will Make An Effort To Accept Others As Jesus Has Accepted Me.**