

# HEADLINES: Controversy in the Life of Jesus “This Almost Got Jesus Cancelled”

<sup>1</sup> Jesus knew the Pharisees had heard that he was **baptizing and making more disciples** than John <sup>2</sup> (though Jesus himself didn't baptize them—his disciples did). <sup>3</sup> So he left Judea and returned to Galilee. <sup>4</sup> He **had to** go through Samaria on the way. **John 4:1-4 (NLT)**

<sup>5</sup> Eventually he came to the Samaritan **village of Sychar**, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> **Jacob's well** was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about **noontime**. <sup>7</sup> Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Please give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup> He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. <sup>9</sup> The 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 4:5-9 (NLT)**

<sup>10</sup> Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.” <sup>11</sup> “But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket,” she said, “and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water?” <sup>12</sup> And besides, do you think you're **greater than our ancestor Jacob**, who gave us this well? How can you offer **better water** than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?” <sup>13</sup> Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. <sup>14</sup> But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. **John 4:10-14a (NLT)**

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ANYWHERE, ANYTIME.**