

- This is a “clunky” Gospel. So much is happening and it jumps around. But it’s also beautiful and rich.
- Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at the well on the edge of town. They have a wide-ranging conversation covering:
  - The nature of true worship (spirit and truth)
  - God’s gift of Grace and the Holy Spirit (living water)
  - The woman’s life (“he told me everything I have ever done”)
  - His own “Messiahship”
- Far too much for us to talk about tonight, so just two things:

## 1.

- “It was about the sixth hour”. 12 midday heat. Jesus is tired by the journey and the woman is a “public sinner”.
- Is this a chance meeting? Or did Jesus plan it? Either way gives me hope for when I need Jesus.
- At this meeting, Jesus simply pointed out her sin, he didn’t accuse or condemn her. This is how he treats me and how I should treat others.
- The point is they engage, they have a conversation.

## 2.

- After their long conversation/encounter the woman was changed. And she shared her joy with others.
- “Many in the town believed in Jesus on the strength of the woman’s testimony” and through her many then heard Jesus and believed.
- Do I share my testimony, my joy with others?
- St Peter says “have an explanation for the hope that you carry”.
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**Conclusion:**

Sometimes Mass might seem yet another thing “to do” and fit into a hectic life schedule. But I think of Mass as an opportunity to sit down with Jesus by the well and take a break from my tired journey. To talk to him, listen to him, let him change me, be replenished with “living water” and with “joy” and then go and share that joy with others.