

A Dishonorable Woman's Story

Based on John 4:4-42.

One time, Jesus and his disciples traveled through a region called Samaria. The Jews and the Samaritans hated each other, but Jesus became tired, so he sat down beside a well outside a small Samaritan town. His disciples went into the town to buy some food.

While he was alone, a Samaritan woman came out to the well to draw water. "Will you give me a drink?" Jesus asked her. The woman was surprised. She said, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?"

Jesus answered, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would ask him and he would give you living water."

"Sir," the woman said, "Where can you get this living water?"

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. The water I give them will become a spring of water inside welling up to eternal life."

The woman begged Jesus, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus told her to go and call her husband, but she said that she did not have a husband. "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband."

"Sir," the woman responded, "I can see that you are a prophet."

Instead of answering, Jesus said, "A time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

The woman said, "I know that Messiah is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

Jesus looked at her: "I, the one speaking to you—I am He."

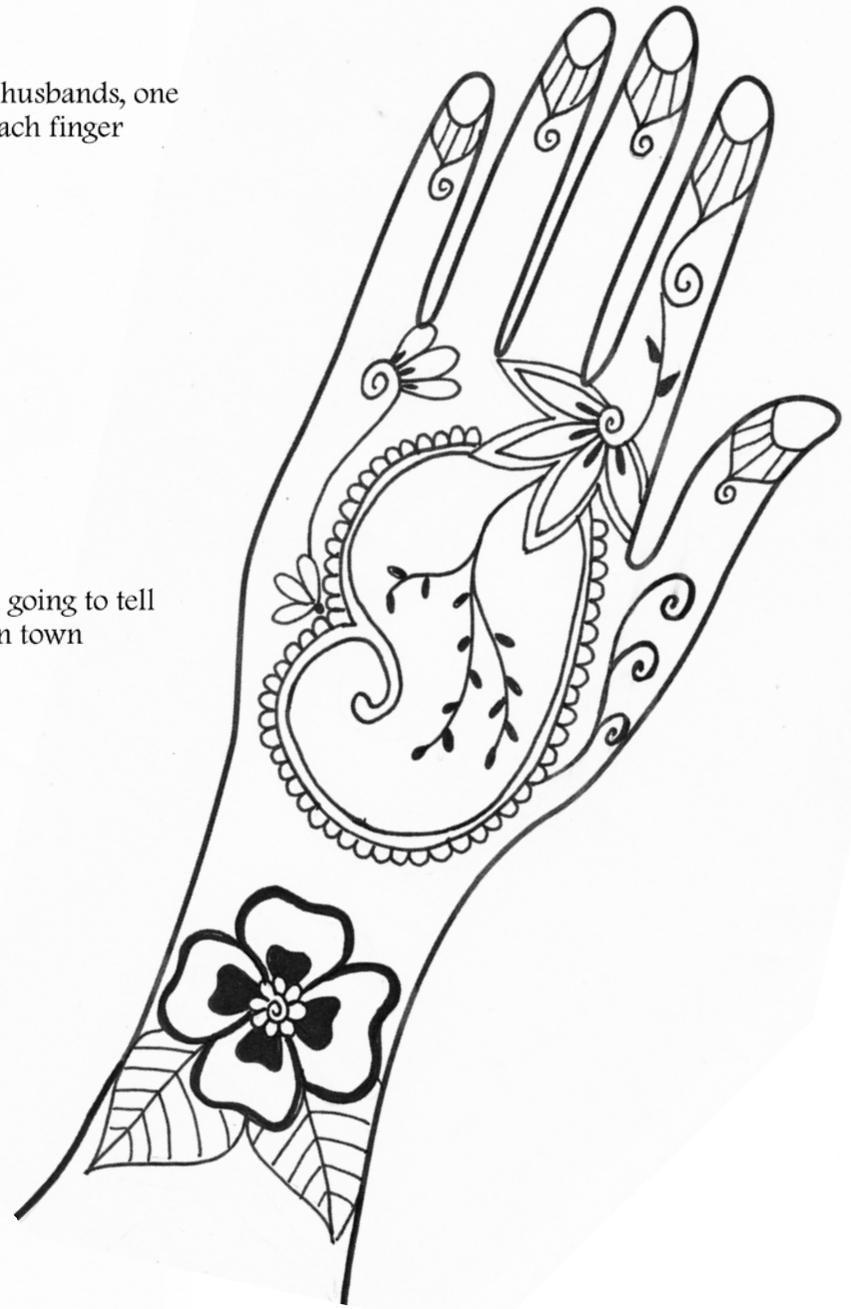
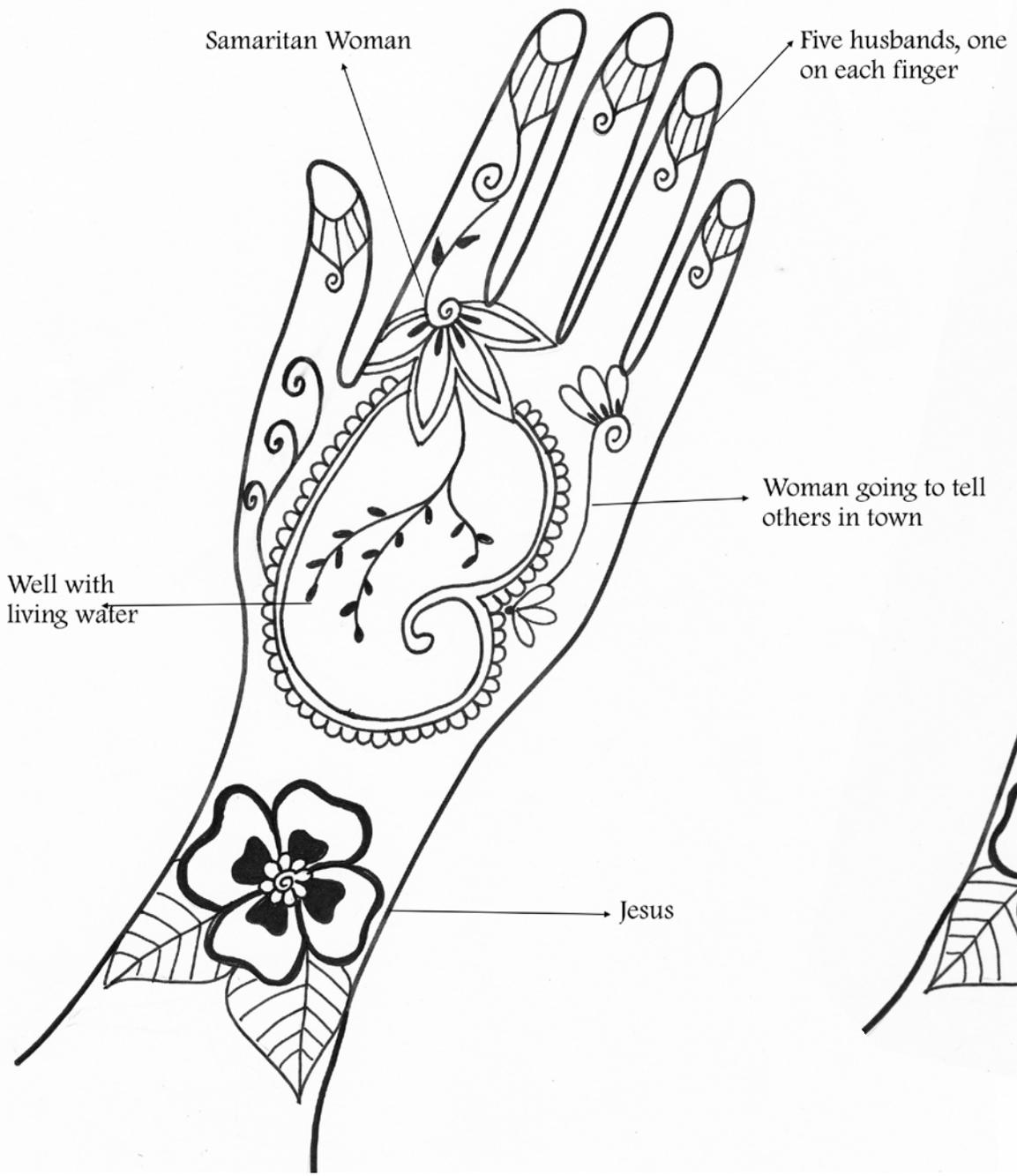
The woman left her water jug, ran back into town, and urged everyone to go out to the well in order to meet Jesus. As a result, Jesus and his disciples stayed there for two days. At the end of those days, many people said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

Did you notice that this woman was not a Jew? She was not an honorable woman either. In fact, she had done many things to shame herself, her family, and God. Jesus didn't care. He spoke to her honorably and honestly. He reached across many barriers to show her Who He was. As a result, she was the one who brought salvation to her town!

"Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered." Romans 4:7



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