

What Eventually Happened to the Samaritan Woman?



As we consider Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well, we once again see the radical way in which Jesus preached His Gospel. Not only was He speaking to a woman, and we know how shocking His interaction with this woman would have been to the Jews of that day, but she was a Samaritan. The Jews considered the Samaritans as unclean. Hence, we hear the woman's first words to Jesus, "How is that you ask me a Samaritan for a drink?"

The Apostles are surprised to see Jesus speaking with her. Scripture tells us they stood by and watched, undoubtedly in a stunned silence.

Scripture tells us that the woman was deeply moved by her encounter with Jesus. She returned to her village and began to tell everyone what Jesus had told her, the details of her life and most importantly that Jesus promised her "Living Water." She began to share the Good News.

But what happened to this woman after her encounter with Jesus? Tradition tells us that on Pentecost she was baptized Photini (a) which means "the enlightened one." She became a missionary and traveled and preached the Gospel. She and her sons Joseph and Victor were imprisoned and finally martyred for the faith. Her Feast Day is celebrated on February 26.