

Openness Goes Beyond Culture

Description

John 4:10-18

Just inside the state line in northern Arkansas is Mammoth Spring State Park. The spring itself is one of the largest in the world, some eight million gallons of fresh water a minute flows into the ten acre lake at its mouth. The spring's water arrives through porous rock formations underlying a large portion of the Ozark Plateau. Day after day, month after month, year after year the water flows forming a surging blue river.

Jesus spoke to the woman at the well of a new kind of refreshment, "living water." All human bodies, indeed all creatures on earth, need water to survive. But what about the thirst of the soul? We long for the peace, hope, and meaning that only Christ's living water can bring. Earthly water satisfies the need of the body only for a while, but living water satisfies the soul for time and eternity.

"Like the woman at the well, I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy;
And then I heard my Savior speaking:
"Draw from my well that never shall run dry."*

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