



Messages from the
Gospel **OF JOHN**
Aug-Oct Major Series

Gospel of John - Series

Messages from the Gospel of John **John 4 – Leaving our jars with Jesus**

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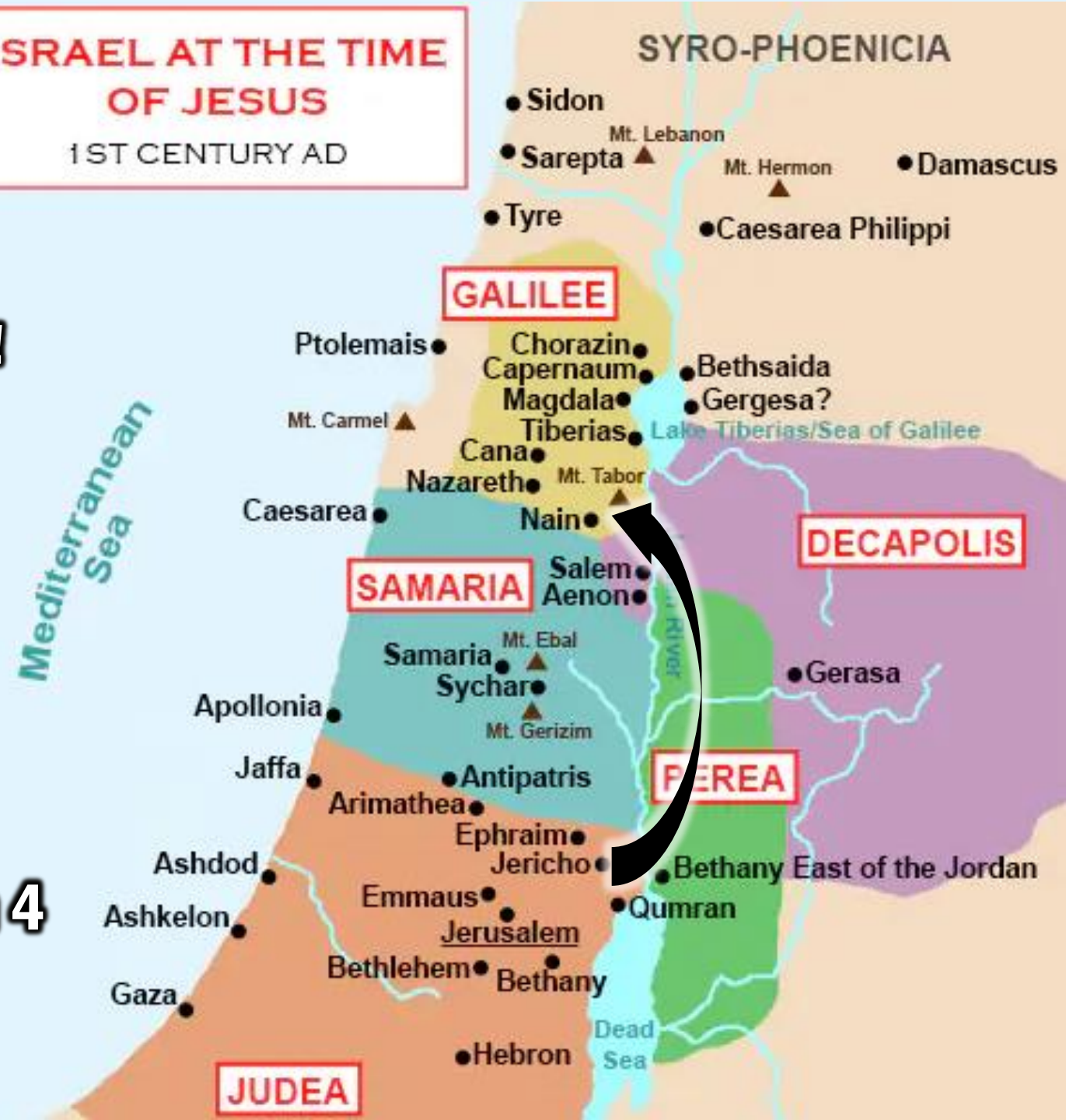
Handout – notice/consider

ISRAEL AT THE TIME OF JESUS 1ST CENTURY AD

The gospel has 'design'
Holy Spirit show us: helps us to believe!

- 3 musts 7 come down's (Jn6)
- 7 verily verily's (ie truly truly)
- 7 hatreds 7 miracles 7 I am's
- 7 actions of the Holy Spirit (Jn16)
- 7 request's 7 plea's (Jn17)

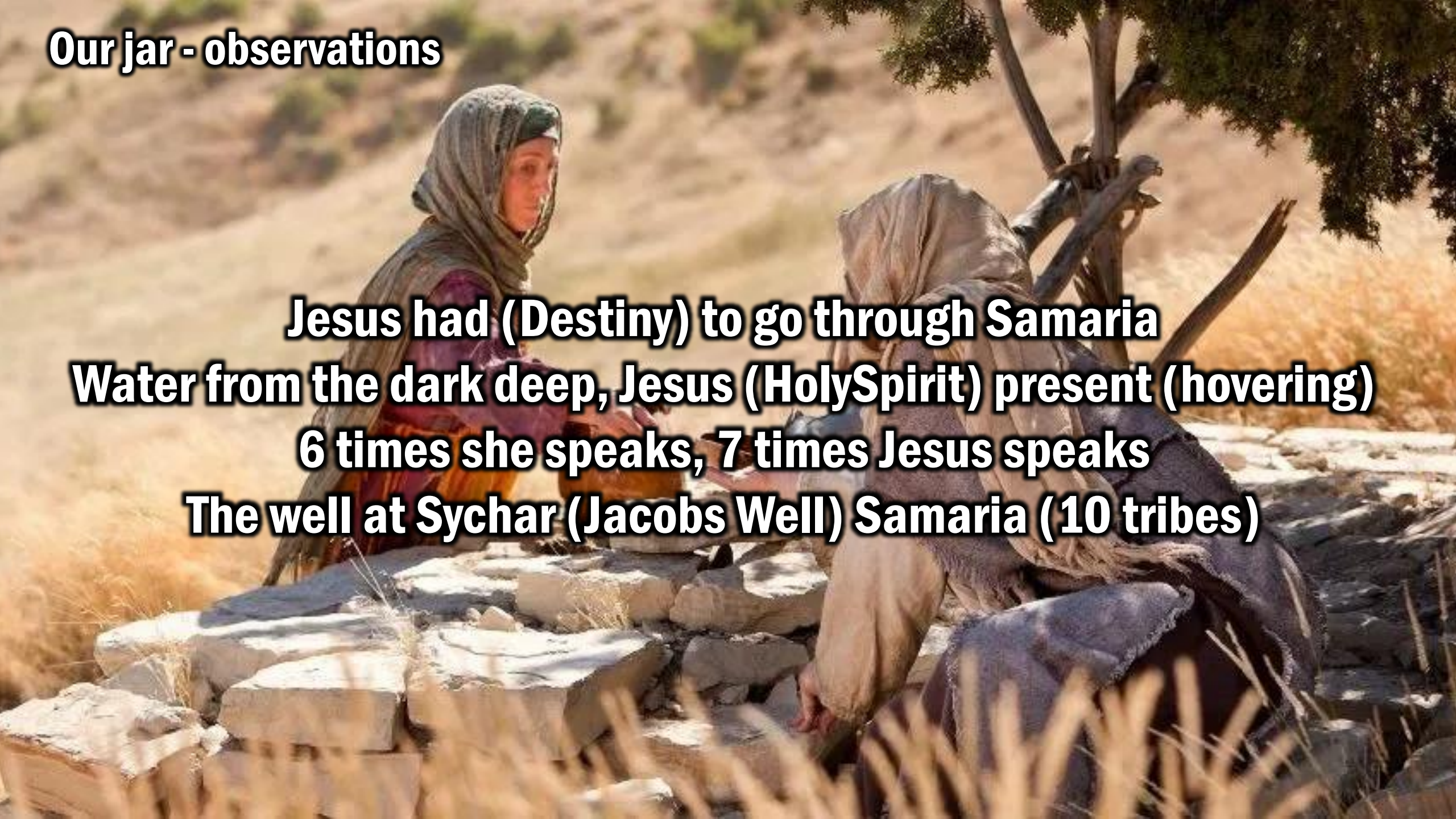
Handout – notice/consider for John 4



John 4:1-26

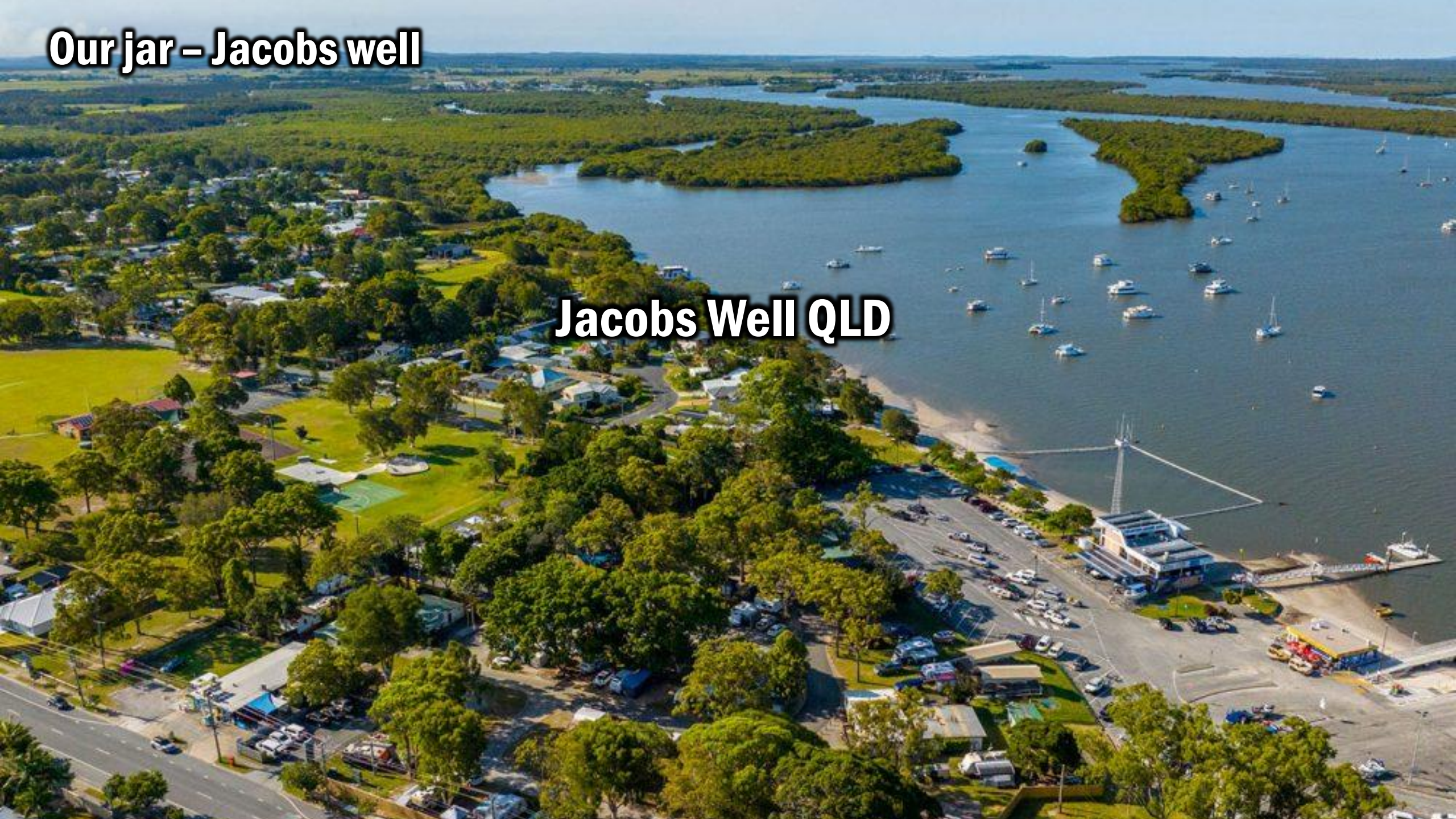
Our jar - observations

**Jesus had (Destiny) to go through Samaria
Water from the dark deep, Jesus (Holy Spirit) present (hovering)
6 times she speaks, 7 times Jesus speaks
The well at Sychar (Jacobs Well) Samaria (10 tribes)**



Our jar – Jacobs well

Jacobs Well QLD



Our jar – Jacobs well

Jacobs Well TX USA



Our jar – Jacobs well

Jacobs well, Sychar according to John 4

Sychar doesn't exist today, Church St. Photina (Tel Balata)

Shechem was positioned along major routes (N/S & E/W)

Shechem (accepted to be Sychar) - mentioned 58 times in scripture

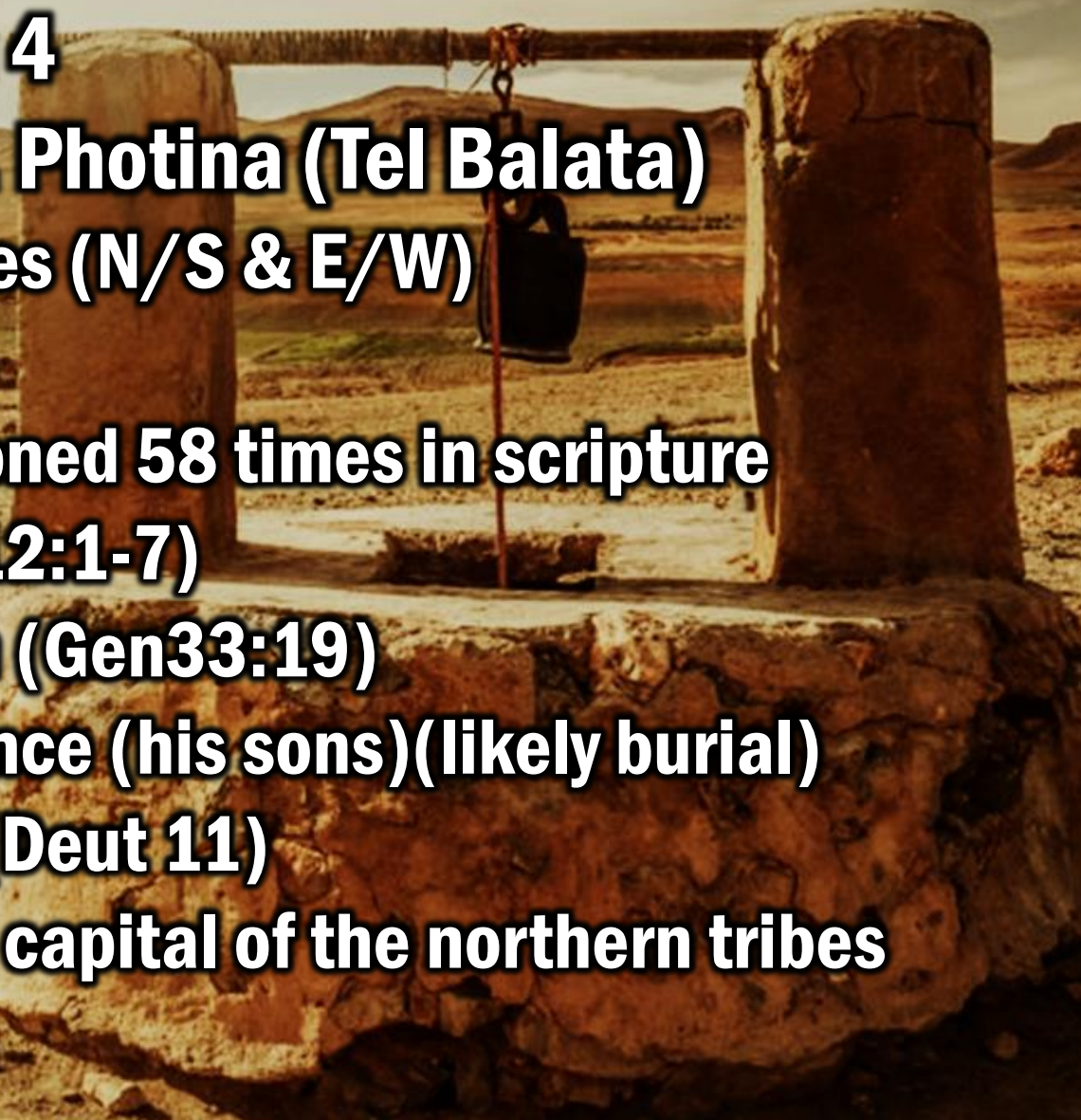
At Shechem, God spoke to Abraham (Gen12:1-7)

Well – 'purchased' by Jacob from Shechem (Gen33:19)

Land given to Joseph as promised inheritance (his sons)(likely burial)

Blessings and curses at Mt Ebal/Gerizim (Deut 11)

Shechem was the place of national divide, capital of the northern tribes



Our jar – Jacobs well

Shechem became a capital of a false way (1Kings12)

Shechem was the idolatrous centre of the 10 tribes

Shechem was the home of northern Kings who did evil (Ahab)(1Kg16:30)

Shechem's sin and failure robbed Israel of its inheritance

But worse...its calling was exchanged for a deceitful imposter idolatry

Shechem was the centre of betrayal, deception, unfaithfulness and failure

Shechem was an outcast...like drawing water in the heat of the day

John 4 - this is where Jesus had to go, and salvation awaits...

Our jar – some reflections

**Water was needed to live, never ending work
Own efforts can never quench the thirst
(Jacobs well was not known for its sweet water)**

**Marriages happen at wells! (Is&Bec, Mos&Ziph, Jake&Rach)
5 husbands, plus another (notice 6 relationships)(2Kings17:24,30-31)**

Maybe she was unloved (Jacob)(Gen29:17)

Maybe she was unable to have children (Gen20/Lev20)

**Women can't divorce – men divorce! She had little control/power
Divorced women / widows had a grim future – her situation was survival**

Our jar – some reflections

**Notice that about 700 years earlier – Hosea was sent to ‘Samaria’
God sends Hosea to King Jeroboam II of Israel (false success)
(apathetic, idol worship, sexual immorality, murder, injustices)**

NOW – notice the Hosea 1 allegory with John 4. Samaria was:

- like a women who felt unloved and insecure – a failure**
- aligned itself, or slept with many ‘husbands’ – unable to ‘bear fruit’**
- busy trying to survive by its own works and ways**
- unable to fulfil its calling, attain its destiny, or reconcile with Jerusalem**
- still drawing life from a poor tasting well that never ever satisfies**

Jesus, a TRUE husband arrives at the well, and salvation awaits...(Hosea14)

Our jar – some reflections

6 times she speaks (incomplete humanity)

She wrestles, arguably a little satirical (v15)

As Jesus brings her into the light, she attempts to win a fight (v20)

Jesus ignores the bait, disarms the decoy (v21-24)

A divine appointment, Jesus is initiating the prophetic of Hosea 3:1-5

“Go and love your wife again, even though she commits adultery with another lover. This will illustrate that the Lord still loves Israel, even though the people have turned to other gods and love to worship them.....But afterward the people will return and devote themselves to the Lord their God and to David’s descendant, their king (JESUS).”



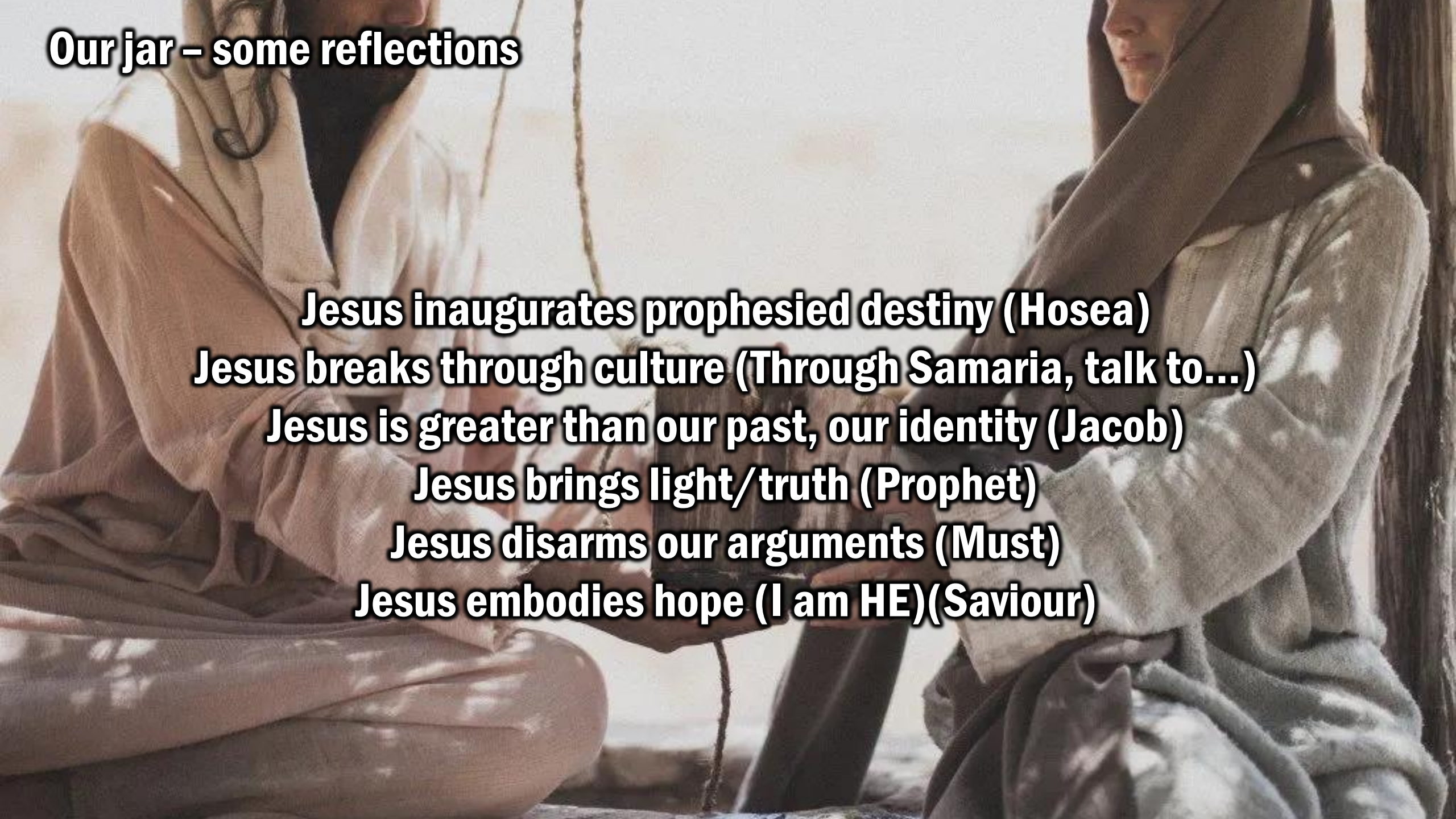
Our jar – some reflections

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The Lord says, “Then I will heal you of your faithlessness; my love will know no bounds, for my anger will be gone forever.

O Israel, stay away from idols! I am the one who answers your prayers and cares for you. I am like a tree that is always green; all your fruit comes from me.” (Hosea 14:1-2,4,8)

A TRUE husband arrived at the well, and salvation awaits...(Hosea14)



Our jar – some reflections

Jesus inaugurates prophesied destiny (Hosea)
Jesus breaks through culture (Through Samaria, talk to...)
Jesus is greater than our past, our identity (Jacob)
Jesus brings light/truth (Prophet)
Jesus disarms our arguments (Must)
Jesus embodies hope (I am HE)(Saviour)



Our jar – our response

He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

“**I have no husband,**” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband.

The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband.

What you have just said is quite true.”

[The truth vs SPIRIT AND TRUST] [The Light shines - TRUTH]

[Humility is a measure of our capacity to realise we need a husband, and not hide with our truth]

A woman wearing a brown headscarf and a light-colored, textured tunic is pouring water from a wooden jar into a large, reddish-brown earthenware jar. The scene is set outdoors, with a blurred background of a building and a tree. The lighting is soft and natural.

Our jar – our response

The women left her jar...

What is our jar? Do we leave our jar with Jesus?

The women shared her story...

Do we share our story?

Many believed the story of the women.

[A measure of our belief is our desire to share our story]

Jesus stands at the door and knocks! He will stay with those who ask.

Many more will believe.

[Humility is proportional to our capacity to believe]

(HUMILITY – Hosea 14)

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Our need – some reflections

Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?” “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labour.”

(John 4:21-38)

A photograph of a whole fish, likely a sea bream, resting on a piece of light-colored, textured fabric. To the left of the fish, there is a piece of golden-brown, textured bread. The background is a light-colored, mottled surface.

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**Believing means leaving our jars with Jesus
Maturing means living without our jars by faith
The food we need is the fruit that comes from the Lord**