

**The Woman at the Well**  
**Reflection Questions for the Third Sunday of Lent**  
**The First Scrutiny**

John 4:3–42

1. Why did the Samaritan woman come to draw Water at noon, the hottest time of the day? Did she want to avoid the times the other women in town came to the well? What are the places in my life where I am embarrassed, where I avoid interaction with others? What are the noonday wells of my life? Can I imagine Jesus approaching me there? Do I have any personal areas of avoidance? Do I avoid making apologies, conflicts, forgiving others, etc.?

2. Jesus tries to reveal his thirst to her – perhaps his thirst for intimacy with her – but she puts him off. She feels unworthy, feels like it won't work. When he offers to satisfy her thirst, she puts him off. He can't satisfy what she needs, at least not with this well, and without a bucket. Do I put Jesus off, with excuses, with problems, with barriers? I don't have time; I haven't done this before; my stuffs too complicated; I don't know how to find you in this mess. What are some ways in which I might be putting Jesus off?

3. When he shows her that he knows her, she knows she's in the presence of someone special – perhaps the one she has thirsted for all her life. Do I let Jesus show me that he knows and understands me? Can I find the words to say he is the one I have thirsted for all my life? Do I have any thirsts of my own? For what do I most thirst?