

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

I've told some of you before that I grew up in Pittsfield  
Well I grew up in the section known as the Highlands (lots of hills)  
We rode bikes everywhere – one favorite ride was to go to Pontoosic Lake (:45 mins.)  
About half way - A&W Root Beer Drive-In: You'd be dying when you got there  
In a thick glassed frosted mug – Ice Cold, Wet – Delicious

Lot's in the Gospel but a key line is:

"It was about noon"

- Explains why Jesus was thirsty (hottest part of the day)
- But why was this woman drawing water at the hottest time of the day
- The well was a community place –
- town news – meet friends – early in day to get water for the day
  - She was there then because she was an outcast
  - She was living with her 5<sup>th</sup> boyfriend and not her hubby (Sinner)
  - AND SHE ENCOUNTERS JESUS
  - WHERE DO WE ENCOUNTER JESUS

How is your Lent Going?                      Its about half over.

- Have you encountered Jesus yet?

I want to compare this encounter with Jesus to Last weeks encounter

Transfiguration

Up the mountain

See Jesus in all His glory

Life Changing Experience

They are sent out as Apostles

Sometimes its like that

SHRC:

Woman sees the face of Christ on tabernacle

She goes out, on fire, tells all her friends

Brings them to the Retreat Center to share

Samaritan Woman

No Mtn Top

At the well – part of her day to day

JESUS IS WAITING FOR HER

Where do we meet Jesus

It can be mountaintop experience

It can be at our kitchen sink

She gradually changes from

unbelief to belief.

And once she believes in Jesus

She goes off and tells the town

Have you had an experience of Jesus yet?

Have you taken the time to pray – to sit and chat with Jesus like this woman?

She could have remained silent, but she had a conversation with Jesus

THAT'S PRAYER

She could have left Jesus and kept it to herself.

But Jesus gives her living water – and she brings it to the same townsfolk that rejected her – and they too believe.

Same is possible with us - take some time this Lent to sit with Jesus.

Its MUCH better than root beer.