

The Friend Who Showed Up

What are the qualities that attract us?

The People that Were Attracted to Jesus

1. His followers and His enemies.
2. The rich and the poor.
3. The sick and the well.
4. The wicked and the righteous.
5. The powerful, including kings and governors, and the common people.

The Background to the Story

Samaria and Sychar —

Jesus —

The Woman —

The well —

Jesus' Attractiveness

It seems that the qualities that attracted people to Jesus while He walked the earth are the same qualities that attract us to Him today!

What are those qualities?

1. He met people where they were.
"Now He had to go through Samaria. So He came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph." - John 4:4,5
2. He experienced the same things that we do. He relates to us by understanding what we experience.
"Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as He was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?'" - John 4:6,7
3. He changed people who spent time with Him.
(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) - John 4:8
4. He was very humble considering His power.
"When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)" - John 4:7,8

5. He allowed others to serve Him and help Him.
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6. He accepted people and loved them regardless of who they were.
"The Samaritan woman said to Him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)" - John 4:9
7. He was an incredible teacher and related to anyone.
"Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'" - John 4:10
"And because of His words many more became believers" - John 4:41
"No one ever spoke the way this man does," the guards declared" - John 7:46
8. He confronted sin and did so firmly but gently.
"He told her, 'Go, call your husband and come back.'" - John 4:16,17
"I have no husband," she replied.
Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband." - John 4:16,17
9. He knows us intimately.
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"Knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, 'Why do you entertain evil thoughts in your hearts?'" - Matthew 9:4
10. He allowed people to condemn themselves and deal with their sin personally. - John 8:11
11. He avoided superficial discussions to get to the heart of issues.
"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem" - John 4:19,20
12. He declared Himself to be the Messiah and the hope of the world and many will attest to His claim.
"The woman said, 'I know that Messiah' (called Christ) 'is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us.'" Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am He." - John 4:25,26
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