

Addendum Mar 15 3rd Lent

WATER and **LIVING WATER** are the key words. And **DESERVE**. Water is necessary for life. This is even more obvious to people who live in the Middle East. Yahweh did provide **WATER** through Moses in the desert, even when the Israelites complained. Did they **deserve** the **WATER**?

God is our Rock. He provides the Water for life, even in the desert of life. Paul reminds us that the Messiah-Xt provided us with the **LIVING WATER** of eternal life when we **didn't deserve it.** Just as the Israelites didn't deserve their **water**!

Samaritan Woman! You are more likely than a Samaritan Woman to be chosen by XT for something special. A Foreigner! Think of the Jews and Samaritans as the Protestant and Catholics in Northern Ireland; the Shiites and Sunnis in the Middle East. **FIVE husbands**. Bet you can't come close to that. **Zero friends**. At first she is just curious, then she starts 'wondering if—in the end finally she's telling everyone. She spreads the "Good-News". This happens when anyone actually "meets" Christ. I am hoping to fill in some ideas you might miss in John's story. It is powerful.

What do you think that means for you this Lent?

Now into Lent take a moment to reflect on the Stations of the Cross. When access to the Holy Land, and the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem were restricted and unsafe in the 12th Century, People in Europe set up "Stations" where during Lent they could hear sermons and reflect on Xt's Passion.

Also there are wonderful (1) STATIONS OF THE CROSS at Groom, TX and (2) **Living Water** there in Groom and in Ben Hur, Powerful scene! NO dialogue; powerful acting.