

A close-up photograph of a natural stone spring. A person's hands are cupped together, catching a stream of clear water flowing from a hole in a large, light-colored rock. The water is splashing slightly as it falls into the hands. The background is a soft-focus view of a forest floor with green moss and rocks. The text "Living Water" is written in a white, cursive font across the upper right portion of the image.

Living Water

1 Peter 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His
great mercy He has given us new
birth into a living hope through
the resurrection of Jesus Christ
from the dead.

through the resurrection

He has given

US

living hope

Easter

He has given

US

living hope

Easter
gives US
Hope!

How?

Turn with me to John 4

On an ordinary day —
I went to draw water.
And had a thirst quenched
I didn't even know I had.

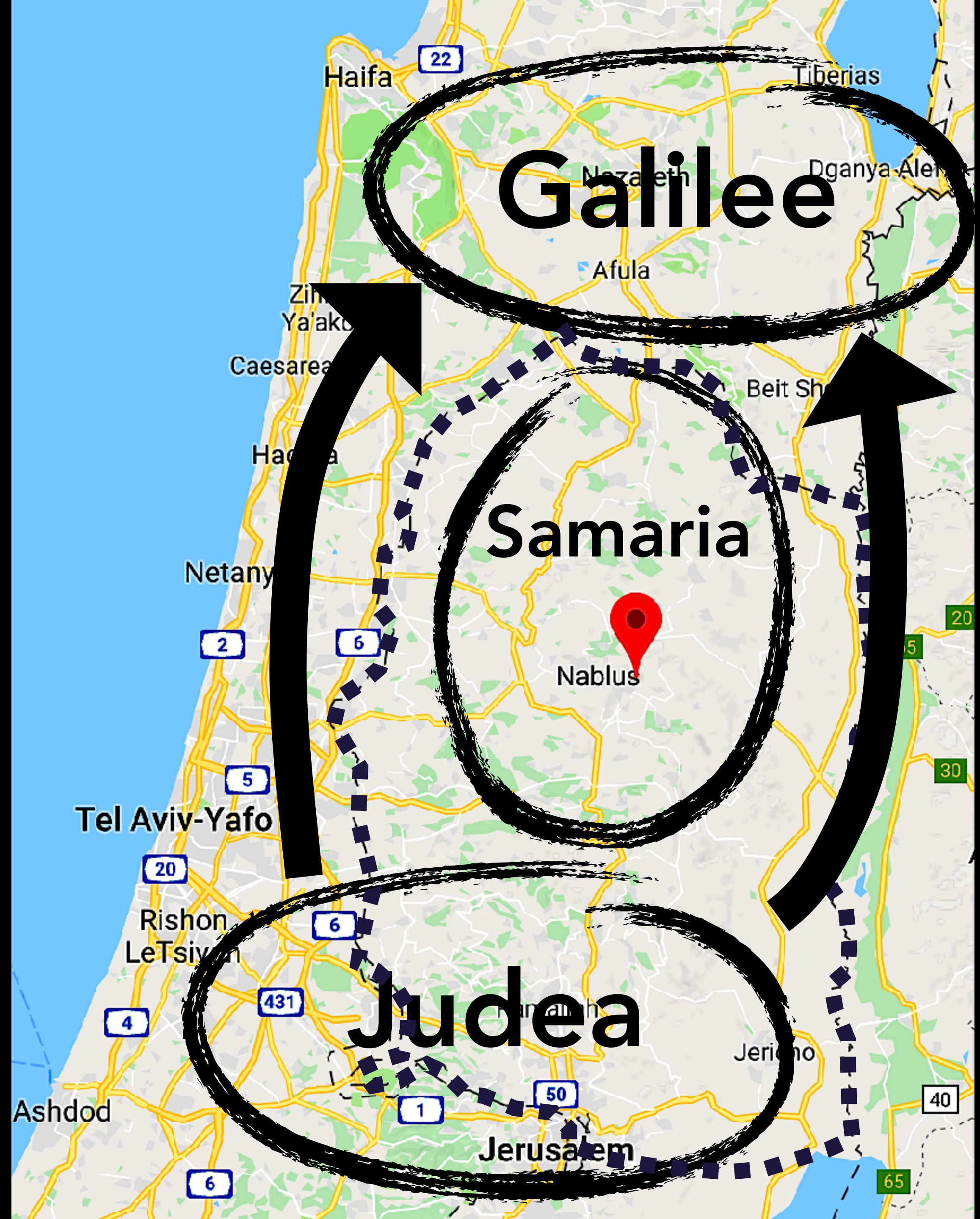
1. Jesus finds us.

~ The Well

v. 4

**“Now He had to go
through Samaria.”**

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had to go
through
Samaria



Jesus

had to go through Samaria
because He had
an appointment to keep.

2. Jesus loves us.

~ The Woman

"God sees us as we are, loves us as we are, and accepts us as we are. But by His grace, He does not leave us as we are."

Timothy Keller

v. 7 When a Samaritan woman came to
draw water, Jesus said to her,
“Will you give me a drink?”

v. 9 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.)

v. 16 Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

"I have no husband," she replied.

v. 17 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."

v. 19 "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you
are a prophet.

v. 25 ...I know that Messiah (called Christ)
is coming. When He comes, He will
explain everything to us."

v. 26 "Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking
to you—I am He."

There's no other way
to put it—
this woman could not
have been any more
of an outcast.



Racial discrimination



Gender discrimination



Moral discrimination



A victim

...and yet Jesus
asked her
for a drink.

“Will you...” He said.

“Jesus did not command the woman to give him a drink, he asked her for a drink (see v. 9). An asker, as we know from human experience, momentarily places oneself beneath the asked one in social power. So Jesus goes down low in his initial relation to this woman.”

Frederick Bruner

There's only one
motive that
makes sense.

Love.

3. Jesus fills us.

~ The Water

Verse 10

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."

Verses 13-14

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

This water is the
Holy Spirit.

~ See John 7:37-39

4. Jesus transforms us.

~ The Witness

vv. 28-30 "Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" They came out of the town and made their way toward Him.

v. 39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did."

Completely. Different.

Jesus finds us.

Jesus loves us.

Jesus fills us.

Jesus transforms us.

When you think Easter—

Don't think church.

And pews.

And a one-hour service.

And life as usual.

Think about this well.

And this woman.

And this water.

**Do more than think.
Believe.**

Do you thirst
for a drink
from the well?

