#### "Could this be the Christ?"



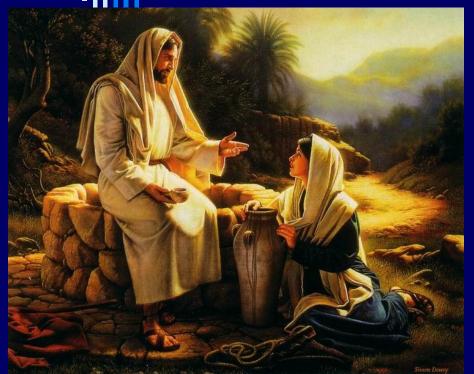






# Signs indicating that we were visited by Grace





### 1. Feeling the shame and the burden of a sinful life

"Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour."

John 4:6



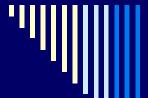
"He who really keeps account of his actions considers as lost every day in which he does not mourn, whatever good he may have done in it."

St. John Climacus



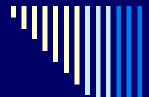
"The man who follows Christ in solitary mourning is greater than he who praises Christ amid the congregation of men"

St. Isaac the Syrian





# 2. Willingness to be engaged to the One who gives living water





### 3. Ability to confess my sins without fear

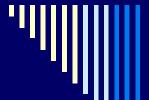
The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." John 4:17





### 4. Care to know about God and His ways

The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" *John 4:25* 

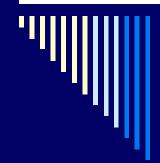




## 5. No more worrying about what used to preoccupy us

"The woman then left her water pot."

John 4:28



"Why do you increase your bonds? Take hold of your life before your light grows dark and you seek help and do not find it. This life has been given to you for repentance; do not waste it in vain pursuits."

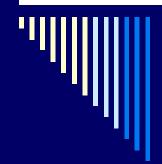
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#### 6. Being consumed with Holy Zeal to tell others about the Bridegroom

"Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?"

John 4:29



"God is a fire that warms and kindles the heart and inward parts. Hence, if we feel in our hearts the cold which comes from the devil, for the devil is cold, let us call on the Lord. He will come to warm our hearts with perfect love, not only for Him but also for our neighbor, and the cold of him who hates the good will flee before the heat of His countenance"

St. Seraphim of Sarov



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