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“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”

John 20:30-31

1. Who are the **outsiders**?

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outsider = a person who does not belong  
to a particular group

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  - a. physically / **culturally**



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“There are invisible lines in the sand; unknown to modern readers but well-known to John’s first audience.

“Cultural lines, religious lines, ethnic lines, and gender lines mark dramatic rings around that particular well. But here’s the thing about Jesus: he’s not afraid to cross lines.”

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    - **thirsty**

“If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”

John 4:10

“If anyone thirsts let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

John 7:37-38



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- not true **worshippers**

“Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.’

“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

“The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I who speak to you am he.’”

John 4:21-26

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“To love at all is to be vulnerable.”

C.S. Lewis

Who are the people in our lives who may have lines or barriers we would have to cross as Jesus did at the well?

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d. Show **compassion** and speak **truth**.

“Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, “There are yet four months, then comes the harvest”?’

“Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.

“For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

John 4:34-38

“I tried to toss the Bible and all of its teachings in the trash — I really tried. But I kept reading it, reading not just for pleasure, but reading it because I was engaged in a research program trying to refute the religious right from a lesbian feminist perspective ...

“After my second or third, maybe fourth pass through the entire Bible something started to happen. The Bible got to be bigger inside me than I. And it absolutely overflowed into my world. I really fought against it.



“And then one Sunday morning, no different from any other, I rose from the bed of my lesbian lover, and an hour later I sat in a pew at the Syracuse Reformed Presbyterian Church. I went there very conspicuous to the fact that I didn’t fit in but I really had to confront this God.”

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