

# John 4:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

## Analysis

The woman's literal interpretation ('thou hast nothing to draw with') mirrors Nicodemus' confusion about new birth (John 3:4), showing natural inability to grasp spiritual truth apart from illumination. Her question 'whence then hast thou that living water?' will find its answer in Christ's divine identity and mission.

## Historical Context

The well's depth (around 100 feet) required a rope and vessel. The woman's focus on physical impossibility reflects the natural mind's limitation in comprehending spiritual realities (1 Corinthians 2:14).

## Related Passages

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

1. What 'literal' interpretations of Scripture prevent us from grasping deeper spiritual truths?

2. How does the Spirit overcome our natural inability to understand divine things?

## Interlinear Text

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λέγει	αὐτῷ	ἢ	γυνή	Κύριε	οὐτε	ἄντλημα	ἔχεις
saith	unto him	G3588	The woman	Sir	nothing	to draw with	hast thou
G3004	G846		G1135	G2962	G3777	G502	G2192
καὶ	τὸ	φρέαρ	ἐστὶν	βαθύ·	πόθεν	οὖν	ἔχεις
and	G3588	the well	is	deep	from whence	then	hast thou
G2532		G5421	G2076	G901	G4159	G3767	G2192
τὸ	ζῶν						G3588
water	G3588	that living					
G5204		G2198					

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Corinthians 2:14** (Parallel theme): But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

**John 3:4** (Parallel theme): Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?