

# John 4:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

## Analysis

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The woman's abandonment of her water pot symbolizes leaving behind earthly concerns for spiritual treasure. Her immediate turn to evangelism ('and went her way into the city') demonstrates genuine conversion—those who have encountered Christ cannot help but share the news. The most unlikely converts often become the most zealous witnesses.

## Historical Context

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Leaving the water pot shows her intent to return, but more significantly her priorities have shifted. The pot represents her old life and concerns, now secondary to proclaiming Christ.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. What 'water pots' (earthly concerns or pursuits) do we need to leave behind to fully embrace Christ?
2. How does genuine encounter with Christ naturally produce witness to others?

## Interlinear Text

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ἀφῆκεν οὖν τὴν ὑδρίαν αὐτῆς ἡ γυνὴ καὶ  
left then G3588 waterpot G846 G3588 The woman and  
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ἀπῆλθεν εἰς τὴν πόλιν καὶ λέγει τοῖς ἀνθρώποις  
went her way into G3588 the city and saith G3588 to the men  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**John 4:7** (Parallel theme): There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

**Luke 24:33** (Parallel theme): And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them,

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