

One cannot intelligently argue against the historical existence of the man named Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus is mentioned by multiple non-Christian historians within a century of his ministry (e.g., Suetonius, Tacitus, Pliny the Younger, and Josephus). The question that every man must answer, though, is whether he believes Jesus is who he claims to be: the Son of God.

“Give me a drink,” the Son of God says to the Samaritan woman in this Sunday’s Gospel. Jesus asks for a drink not only because he is thirsty but also to show that he thirsts for people to discover the love of God.

St. Thérèse, in her *Story of a Soul*, writes: “He is thirsty ... But when he said ‘Give me a drink’, what the Creator of the universe meant was that he was thirsty for the love of his poor creature. He thirsted for love ... and, now more than ever, I realize that Jesus is thirsty. Among his disciples in this world – his own disciples! – he sees only ungrateful and indifferent souls. How few pledge their hearts wholly to him; how few truly understand the tenderness of his infinite love.”

“Give me a drink,” Jesus says to the Samaritan woman. “Give me a drink,” Jesus says to you.

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