certain that this Man was not an ordinary prophet, but was a very great prophet. They spoke of the hoped-for and expected Messiah, and of the grave need for His coming. She, like all the members of her race, cried out for a redeemer, a leader who would lead all of the people of Israel successfully against the hated Romans. Then, without warning, Jesus did a most unexpected and very startling thing. He made a very solemn statement, the very first such statement made to anybody (His Mother and St. Joseph, of course, excluded, for they certainly knew Who He was). It was a public and official statement that was clear, precise, and very much to the point, made to an unknown woman who was nameless then and who has remained nameless throughout all ages. Jesus said to her; "I WHO SPEAK WITH THEE AM HE!"

Such astonishing words had never been heard by any public figure before that moment. She was stunned! Even though many times in His public life Christ had demonstrated powers that were far beyond human powers, He had never proclaimed exactly Who He really was. No one knew, not even Satan, who was very much interested in the identity of Christ. This revelation was made to a poor sinful and nameless Samaritan woman, all because she gave Him a drink of water? No doubt, our Lord saw in the soul of this

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