

The Unlikely Evangelist

As we walked into the first Sunday of Lent, Father David reminded us that we should *recognize our need to go into the wilderness so we can know ourselves more, judge less, and know that we are forgiven.* The following Sunday we learned about the nocturnal visit of a Pharisee named Nicodemus. A pivotal reality was revealed in his conversation when Jesus said, ***For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16, NRSV)***

The third Sunday in Lent we saw proof positive about the love of God. It is amazing how this all inclusive, life creating love has been depicted as exclusive condemnation. At a well, in Samaria – the hood of the first century – Jesus sits and waits. His purpose is to show us the all embracing the love of God.

An unnamed Samaritan woman came to Jacob's well for water. An empty water jar is left behind because the owner met living water – and I do not mean H₂O.