

John: The Sacramental Gospel – Dr. Scott Hahn

Chapters 4 & 5

Session 4: *Bread of Life*

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- How does Jesus seeking out these people speak to His identity as the Messiah?
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- How did the Samaritan woman test Jesus’ identity? How did Jesus respond?
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