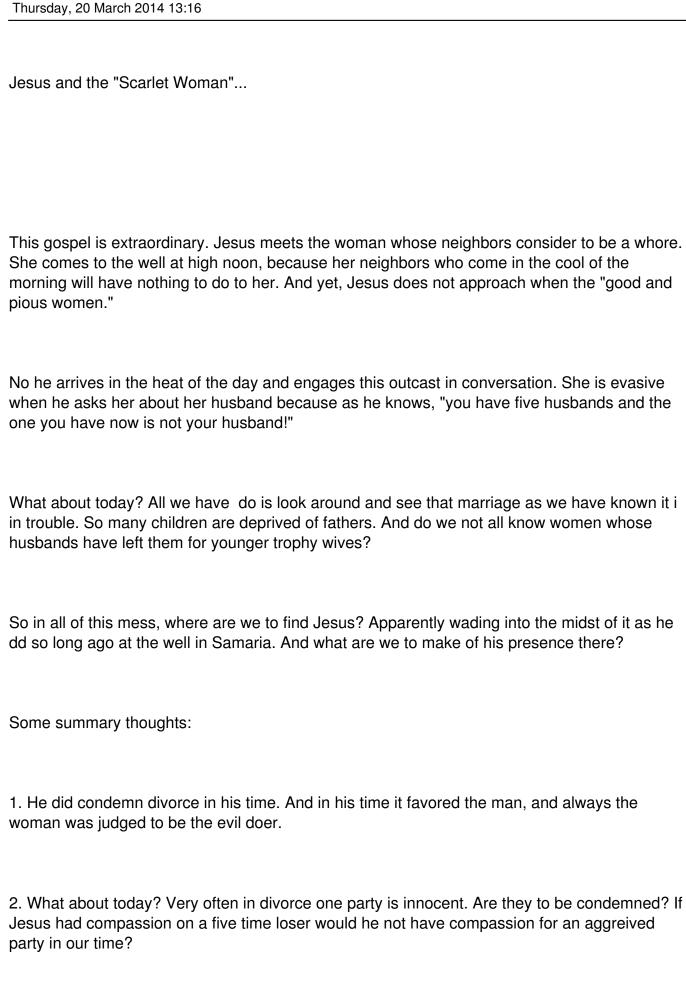
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3. The Christian Orthodox think so. They have a pastoral remedy:

"While the Orthodox Church stands opposed to divorce,in its concern for the salvation of its people,does permit its people to marry a second or even third time...Second or third marriages bear a penitential character, and are performed by "economy" of concern for the spititual well being of the parties concerned, and as an exception to the rule so to speak."

These are the Christians of the East. And they do possess the valid seven sacraments. So, might the Christians of the Roman west adopt such a pastoral remedy? We shall see.

What we do see in the Gospel today is Jesus encountering a woman of many failed marriages, and not rejecting her as her neighbors did. He even sends her forth as a messenger to brings good news to the viliage, and he offers her a well of new water which springs up towards eternal life. There is much to ponder about in this remarkable gospel.

Breakfast Question: What do you ponder about this gospel?

Personal Reflection: Do I or some divorced person I know need to talk to a kind and compassionate pastor about a marital situation?