

“Desperate For Jesus”
“A Journey With Jesus” — Part 9
Mark 5:21-43

A Contrast Between 2 Needy People

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. Mark 5:21-26

Meet Jairus:

- An important synagogue ruler
- A man of means
- About to lose his 12-year-old daughter
- His wealth could not save her
- Running out of time

Meet the nameless woman:

- She was ceremonially unclean
- A social outcast, religious outcast, marital outcast
- Fighting a 12 year losing health battle
- Bankrupt trying to find a cure
- Getting worse

1. An anonymous woman

When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

Mark 5:27-34

Critical points to consider:

- Can you imagine the physical and emotional pain that was sapping her strength day after day?
- Desperation drove her to Jesus as her last resort.
- What kind of faith did she have?

- She was trying to remain anonymous.
- All the rest of her life, she was a witness to the power of Jesus Christ.

Notice Jesus' response:

- Jesus honored her faith.
- Her body was healed.
- He called her Daughter.
- Jesus sent her off to live a new life of freedom and peace.
- Why did Jesus not allow her to remain anonymous?

Application: Not everyone has the same degree of faith, but Jesus responds to faith no matter how large or small it might be. When we believe, Jesus shares His power with us and something happens in our lives.

2. A well-known official

While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher any more?" Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe." He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Mark 5:35-43

Critical points to consider:

- It was not easy for Jairus to come to Jesus.
- Desperation drove Jairus to Jesus as a last resort.
- The delay with the anonymous woman must have been excruciating.
- Jairus had the opportunity to lose all faith.
- Jairus and his wife witnessed their daughter's resurrection.
- They were astonished.

Notice Jesus response:

- "Don't be afraid; just believe."
- Jesus leaves the crowd behind.
- "The child is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him.
- Jesus took Jairus and his wife and only 3 disciples in to witness the resurrection.
- Jesus took her by the hand and spoke to her.
- Immediately she was healed.
- Why did Jesus give orders that they tell no one?
- All the rest of her life she was a witness to the power of Jesus Christ.

Application: These miracles illustrate how Jesus met and helped all kinds of people, and it assures us that He can meet our needs and help us today. Whether our faith is large or small, Jesus responds to our faith.

These lessons do not mean that Jesus always rescues His people from danger or heal every affliction, but it does mean that He is the ultimate authority and that we need not fear.

In these miracles, Jesus is sending a clear message to Satan, and all who suffer under Satan's rule. God will establish His Kingdom. Death is not the end.

...“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”

John 11:25-26

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:37-39