

## **Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ The Healing of Two Daughters**

Last time...Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> appointment at the end of a very busy day: making a disciple of the man possessed and tormented by Legion

This time...the healing of 2 daughters – Jarius's daughter and the woman with an issue of blood  
We will be in Mark 5 and Luke 8

### **Mark 5**

v21 passed over again...much people gathered:

Asked to leave the Gadarenes, Jesus did.

Luke 8:37 He went up into the ship and returned back again

Now He is back on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee, in or near Capernaum,

His ministry HQ

And He was greeted by a lot of people who have been looking for Him

v22-23 rulers of the synagogue...My little daughter:

When word quickly spread that Jesus was back in town, others gathered,

including one of the men who directed worship services in the synagogue

i.e. who did what Scripture reading and who gave an inspirational message

(ala Luke 4 and Acts 13:15)

His name is Jairus

Without a doubt he knew of

- Jesus healing the son of the nobleman from Capernaum  
(while He was in Cana)
- Jesus healing the servant of the centurion from Capernaum  
(with His spoken Word)
- Jesus' teaching with power and authority in "his" synagogue

This day he has come to "fight the crowds" to see Jesus because his daughter...  
his precious little flower...was on the verge of death,  
just barely hanging on to life (for reasons unspecified)

God has placed in father's hearts an endless love to protect their little girls  
And nothing this father has done has helped...his religion included.

In desperate need, his heart breaking, and time running out, he works his way  
through the crowd and falls at the feet of Jesus

In Matt 9:18: "worshipped Him"

Jairus KNEW Jesus could heal his daughter, save his daughter's life...  
he has faith Jesus can do what no man can  
By faith he begs Jesus to come home with him and lay His hands on his daughter

v24 Jesus went with him:

Jesus went with Jairus...He wanted to heal his precious daughter  
And the multitude of people went too, pressing Jesus from all sides

v25-26 a certain woman...issue of blood...grew worse:

Among the people following Jesus is another person who was excited and  
thankful that Jesus was back in town...an unnamed, unknown woman with  
a grievous malady...an unrelenting issue/flow of blood

This malady made her "unclean" (Lev 15:19-30)

Anyone that touched her was unclean

Everything she touched was unclean

She was not allowed fellowship in the Temple until this flow stopped

She was isolated...and had been for 12 years

She tried every imaginable, and who knows how many unimaginable, treatments

She spent everything she had...bankrupted by the "healthcare system"

No physician had an answer, no treatment worked

In fact, her condition became more aggravated in time.

So...

v27-28 behind...touched His garment:

When the woman heard Jesus was back, she joined the pressing crowd...  
from behind, so as to not be seen or noticed by Jesus

She KNEW that if she could only touch His garment, she would finally be  
healed...not maybe, will!

She has faith that Jesus can do for her what no man has been able to

A note about the clothes of Jesus and the Jewish rabbis of the time

- a cloak called a *galima* or *goltha* or *tallith*
- square in shape
- on the 4 borders were "fringes" of long white threads (Num 15:37-40)
- on the 4 corners were blue knots

Why would she think that touching Jesus' garment would heal her?

What good will that do her?

Hold that thought

v29 the fountain...dried up...she felt...was healed:  
And she was right!  
When she touched Jesus' garment, she WAS healed!  
She got a physical sense that her body was healed, feeling like she had not  
in 12 years

She KNEW she was healed (not Positive Confession, a genuine healing)  
She was right...and

v30 Who touched My clothes:  
She was wrong!  
Even though she approached Jesus from behind to go unseen, she had NOT gone  
unnoticed by Him

She knew she had been healed...and so did Jesus – He knew virtue  
(*dunamis* = “miraculous power and strength”)  
had gone from Him

Notice 3 things

1. “Who touched...My clothes?”  
Jesus knew that His clothes (vs His Body) had been touched
2. And He knew Who...so why does He ask?  
Because the woman needs to give glory and testimony of her  
healing and the crowd needs to hear it from her
3. The multitude is pressing on Him from all sides, yet only one person  
“touched” Him  
All the others were in very close proximity, even pressing into  
Jesus...without touching Him  
“Touching” is a matter of faith, a matter of the heart

In the meantime...what about Jairus?

He is desperate, he believes time is running out on his daughter's life  
Certainly in his mind: “Let's hurry! Please, let's hurry!”  
The crushing anxiety of his horrific trial is made worse by the crowds  
impeding Jesus from following quickly  
Now...Jesus has stopped because someone touched His clothes?!  
Is his faith at a breaking point?  
Yet we have no record of any complaint or cry from Jairus

As observers that can apply this scenario to our own lives, we learn that even in a desperate situation, Jesus can be interrupted by someone in need of His help

Jesus is not desperate...He has everything under control  
(He would know the status of Jairus' daughter (v35) and He stops to help someone who needs His help)

v31 the disciples said:

The disciples voice what Jairus may be thinking:

“Seriously?! You barely have enough room to breathe for all the people swarming around you and You say, “Who touched Me?!”

Note: His disciples were not listening closely – He said “My clothes”, not “Me”  
The difference is VERY significant, as we shall see

v32 looked round about to see her:

Jesus turned around to see...her, not who, that had touched His clothes

He knew who, He turned around to see her, the woman who had touched His garment and was healed

Time for her to speak, to confess and profess

v33 fearing and trembling...told Him all the truth:

Imagine the woman: healed, rejoicing...and found out

She thought Jesus would not notice since she approaching from behind Him and was merely going to touch His garment...she was wrong!

He is looking right at her, and at no one else

She is alarmed and frightened...unnerved

Jesus healed her when no physician could, touching His garment healed her when no human treatment had

She fell on her face before Him...and told Him everything, she confessed

Confess: “comes clean”, and is cleansed (1 John 1:9)

v34 Daughter, thy faith...peace:

Jesus did not need to be told everything...He already knew  
But the woman needed to confess and profess...and the crowd needed to hear her  
testimony of faith in Him (perhaps Jairus most of all)

“Daughter,

She is not His offspring/child

Jesus came from everlasting...eternity...been on earth about 31 years

This is a term of endearment, an expression of His love for her

Your faith (in Me) has healed you.

Eccl 12:13-14

Go in peace...no fear (a blessing)

Num 6:24-26

Knowing your plague is healed, you are healthy.”

What is Jairus thinking now, as he watches and listens to this interaction while his daughter is fading away?

v35 While He yet spake...thy daughter is dead:

While Jesus is speaking with the woman, while Jairus is “patiently” waiting for  
Jesus to get back to his urgent matter, someone from his house arrives to  
give him the worst news any parent could ever hear...  
the devastating news that his precious little flower is dead

Most assuredly

- his heart sinks, then implodes
- his breathing stops, as if punched in the stomach
- his mind is numb, either frozen or racing thru time
- his soul is on fire, in excruciating pain

Some of you know this man is feeling and thinking

In a moment of such intense agony (Jairus’) and empathy (the messenger’s),  
forgotten is what Jesus did in Nain – raised from the dead the widow’s son

v36 Be not afraid, only believe:

Jesus also heard the awful news delivered to Jairus...

He no doubt knew before the messenger even arrived

The God of all comfort turns to this father in agony, who had come by faith to  
Him for help, and calmly says,

“Fear not, merely trust Me, have faith.

It’s going to be OK.

Let’s keep walking...by faith.”

Speculation/Wonder:

Perhaps Jesus extended His hand to the woman healed of the issue of blood...”pointing” to her testimony...to emphasize His words to Jairus and to comfort him and give him hope

Perhaps Jesus motions forward to Jairus – Let us continue to your home and your daughter

Do you suppose the LORD’s

- words
- tone of voice
- calmness and control
- look in His eyes

had a calming effect on the storm raging in Jairus’, body, mind, and soul?

[ police officer story read yesterday ]

v37 suffered no man to follow:

At this point Jesus directs the multitude to stop, they are not to follow Him any further

He directs 9 of His 12 disciples likewise, taking with Him only Peter, James, and John...this is the 1<sup>st</sup> time He singles out these 3

- fishing partners
- His Inner Circle
- Peter and John: the early Church leaders
- James: the 1<sup>st</sup> martyr (needs to know that Jesus has power over death)

v38-40a wept and wailed greatly...Why...not dead but sleeps...laughed to scorn:

When Jesus arrived at Jairus’ house, He walks into a scene of loud weeping and wailing, a violent storm of agony

In Matt 9:23, the crowd at Jairus’ home includes professional (hired) mourners and musicians...funeral preparation is under way

“Why are you making this clamor? Why are all of you in such an uproar?”

In Matt 9:24: “Give place”...“Move aside, make room.”

This young lady is not dead, she is sleeping.”

And the crowd “laughed Him to scorn”...

Their crying is turned to laughter as they contemptuously scoff and mock and jeer at Jesus...the One Who has power over death

v40b-42 put them all out...arose and walked:

Jesus expelled all the noise makers out of the house

Once again, Jesus suddenly calms a violent storm, this one in Jairus' home

As divine peace and calm fills the home (the identity of Jesus Christ is most clearly seen in the sudden calm of a great storm), Jesus turns to this young lady and says to her in Aramaic, "Young lady, arise."

Or perhaps, from the heart of the Good Shepherd, "My little lamb, arise."

And she did...immediately!

Not only did she stand up, she walked!

Imagine, if we can, the agony of Jairus and his wife, suddenly and shockingly transformed to speechless joy as they witness Jesus' power over death!

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time Jesus raised someone from the dead

v43 no man should know it:

Then Jesus says something we would not expect:

"Keep this to yourself! Do not tell anyone."

Why should no man, even those who laughed Him to scorn, know of this Divine miracle?

The pressing multitude would want to make Him their King... that is not His mission

## **Luke 8**

v40 the people received him...waiting for Him:

We are still in the Year of Popularity, not yet in the Year of Opposition

As opposed to the people of the Gadarenes, the people in Capernaum are very happy to see Jesus again...they've been waiting for Him

They are curious about where He went and what He did there

They expecting more amazing things from Him

v41-42 one only daughter:

Jairus' daughter

- his only child...she is an only child
- is 12 years old (no connection I can discern)  
in the Jewish culture, this little girl is on the cusp of being recognized as a young lady...  
she is passing from childhood to womanhood

Nonetheless, she is and forever shall be daddy's little girl and probably had him wrapped around her little finger  
And she is dying...and all these people are a barrier to the help she needs!

v43-44 neither could be healed:

Lots of physicians/doctors, no healers  
The woman is help-less...but not hopeless!

Important additional information: "the border" of His garment  
In Matt 9:20: "the hem" of His garment (same Gr word in Luke)  
Why would the help-less woman have hope in touching the hem/fringe/tassel of Jesus' garment (Num 15:37-40)?

What would make her think such a bizarre thing?  
Has her desperation clouded her thinking?  
Quite the contrary...she is thinking very clearly...and literally!

Mal 4:2

Ps 36:7 How excellent *is* thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings

Ps 63:7 Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice

She is obviously a woman in the Word of God...  
who knows and believes the Scriptures  
Her faith in the Word of God and in God's Messiah was well-placed –  
her issue of blood was stopped immediately

v45-46 all denied:

By asking "Who touched Me?" Jesus was giving the woman the opportunity to confess and profess so all the people would hear  
But all denied having touched Jesus, even though the multitude is pressing in on Him from all sides  
(remember: touching is a matter of faith and the heart)

It was Peter who said, "Seriously..."  
Peter was quick to "rebuke" Jesus (Matt 16)

Jesus gives the woman another opportunity...this time looking right at her



v47 saw that she was not hid...she declared...before all the people:

When the woman realized she was found out, that she had in fact not gone unnoticed, she declared/gave testimony

- unto Jesus
- before all the people, the great throng
- why she touched Him/the hem of His garment (a Bible study!)
- how she was healed...immediately, just as the Word she believes says
- what Jesus wanted the crowd...and Jairus in particular perhaps... to hear

v48 be of good comfort:

Be of good comfort/cheer/courage...your faith has borne fruit

Faith in the Word of God  
in the Promised Messiah  
in Jesus of Nazareth

Jesus perhaps clarifies for her and for all listening:  
her faith in Him vs in His clothes made her whole

To touch is to have faith

v49-50 While He yet spake:

Then comes this person from Jairus' house:

"It's too late...,do not trouble the master anymore."

But Jesus heard the God messenger and counteracts the news to the broken hearted father who came to him by faith:

- It is NOT too late
- I am not troubled
- I will heal your daughter
- All will be well

v51-56 knowing that she was dead...her spirit came again:

Jairus' daughter had in fact died...her spirit was separated from her body

Jesus commands her spirit to return to her body...raises her from the dead

How could her parents not tell anyone what Jesus had done?

How does prominent man in the community "hide" his living daughter?

The young lady would walk out of her home and mix among the people

Perhaps, they were to not tell how her life was restored

Matt 9:26 His fame spread throughout the region

## Take Aways

Since Jesus finished teaching the Kingdom Parables, He has been teaching about the King of that Kingdom...His power, dominion, character, mission  
He has done so by calming violent, raging storms...physical, emotional, spiritual

1. on the Sea of Galilee: “Peace, be still” to the winds and sea, demonstrating His power over all creation, including the prince of the power of the air, our enemy
2. in the soul of the man tormented 24/7 for a long time by Legion and in the region terrorized by him: “Come out of him, unclean spirit”, demonstrating His authority over all the spiritual realm
3. in the body and soul of the woman with the issue of blood, unclean for 12 years and bankrupted in search of human cures: “Daughter, your faith has made you whole, go in peace”, demonstrating the veracity (and literalness) of the prophetic Word of God regarding Him
4. in the heart and mind of Jairus and his wife regarding their daughter who was on the verge of death and then died before Jesus arrived: “Be not afraid, only believe” and “Damsel, arise”, demonstrating His power over death

Jesus Christ can calm ANY storm in our lives...we just need to stay with Him, not doubting  
Religion has no answers for death.  
Religion has no power over death.  
Religion cannot heal.  
Only Jesus can do those things

When walking with Jesus, expect

- a bumpy ride, a difficult walk, in a fallen world cursed by God
- your faith to be tested...Do you trust Me?
  - Do you believe the Lord can do it?
  - Do you believe the Lord is doing it (His way, His time)?
  - Do you believe the Lord will do it (His way, His time)?
- interruptions and delays...part of the test: Fear not, only believe
- great need requires great faith
  - Ps 36:7 How excellent *is* thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings
  - Ps 63:7 Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice
- miracles and opportunities to give glory to and testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ
  - *dunamis* = “miraculous power and strength”
  - Acts 1:8

Small group prayer  
Closing song