

Lord of Life, Destroyer of Death Mark 5:21-43



The Setting

- **21** - "When Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around Him; and so He stayed by the seashore."



I. Two Desperate Acts of Faith (22-28)

■ An Anonymous Woman (24b-28)

- **24b-25** - "and a large crowd was following Him and pressing in on Him. A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years."
- **26** - had endured much at the hands of many physicians and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse."
- **27** - "after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak."
- **28** - "For she thought, "If I just touch His garments, I will get well."

II. The Sovereign Lord of Life (29-43)

■ Sovereign Over Disease (29-34)

- **29** - "Immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction."
- **30** - "Immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that the power *proceeding* from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?""
 - Two legitimate possibilities:
 - 1) Jesus didn't know anything except that power had left Him.
 - 2) Jesus knew exactly who had done it and what had happened.
- **31** - And His disciples said to Him, "You see the crowd pressing in on You, and You say, "Who touched Me?"

I. Two Desperate Acts of Faith (22-28)

■ An Influential Leader (22-24a)

- **22** - "One of the synagogue officials named Jairus came up, and on seeing Him, fell at His feet."
- **23** - "and implored Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death; *please* come and lay Your hands on her, so that she will get well and live."
 - Luke adds (8:42): "[she was his] only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying.
- **24a** - "And He [Jesus] went off with him."

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- **32** - And He looked around to see the woman who had done this."
 - 1) To correct the object of her faith.
 - 2) To call for a public confession.
 - Cf. Rom. 10:9-10 - "confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, [and] you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

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- 33 - "But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth."
 - Luke 8:47 - "When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people [public confession of her faith in Christ] the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed."
- 34 - And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction."

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■ Sovereign Over Death (35-43)

- 38 - They came to the house of the synagogue official; and He saw a commotion, and *people* loudly weeping and wailing.
 - Matthew tells us that the professional mourners and flute players had already arrived at Jairus' house (Matt. 9:23).
- 39 - And entering in, He said to them, "Why make a commotion and weep? The child has not died, but is asleep."
 - But the child had actually died.
 - 1) The professional mourners and the people are convinced the child is dead—they laugh in response to Jesus' statement.
 - 2) Luke 8:55 - "And her spirit returned."
 - 3) Jesus uses the exact same language of Lazarus' condition (John 11:11), and in John 11:14 "Jesus then said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead."
- 40 - They *began* laughing at Him. But putting them all out, He took along the child's father and mother and His own companions, and entered *the room* where the child was.

"Your faith has made you well."

- Greek for "make well" is *sozo*.
- Literally, "Your faith has saved you."
- This exact Greek phrase occurs 6 other times in the gospels.
 - Mark 5:34 – to this woman
 - Parallel accounts in Matt. 9:22 and Luke 8:48 use same phrase.
 - Mark 10:52 – to blind Bartimaeus
 - Parallel Luke 18:42 uses the same expression.
 - Luke 7:50 – to the prostitute who washed His feet with her hair.
 - Luke 17:19 – ten lepers were *cleansed* (Gr. *katharizo*); but only to the one who came back did Jesus say, "your faith has saved you."

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- 41 - Taking the child by the hand, He said to her, "Talitha kum!" (which translated means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!").
 - Literally, it means, "Little lamb, arise."
- 42 - Immediately the girl got up and *began* to walk, for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were completely astounded.
- 43 - And He gave them strict orders that no one should know about this, and He said that *something* should be given her to eat."

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- 35 - While He was still speaking, they came from the *house of* the synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the Teacher anymore?"
- 36 - But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid *any longer*, only believe."
 - Luke 8:50: "But when Jesus heard *this*, He answered him, "Do not be afraid *any longer*, only believe, and she will be made well."
- 37 - And He allowed no one to accompany Him, except Peter and James and John the brother of James.

Implications...

- 1) A statement about the person of Jesus
 - Deut. 32:39 - See now that I, I am He, and there is no god besides Me; it is I who put to death and give life. I have wounded and it is I who heal, and there is no one who can deliver from My hand.
 - 1 Sam. 2:6 - "The LORD kills and makes alive; He brings down to Sheol and raises up.
 - Job 5:18 - "For He inflicts pain, and gives relief; He wounds, and His hands also heal.

Implications...

■ 2) A statement about Jesus' Power Over Death.

– the resurrections...

- Jairus' daughter – just dead for less than an hour (Mark 5).
- The widow of Nain's son—on the way to the cemetery (Luke 7).
- Lazarus – dead for four days and decaying (John 11).
- Jesus own resurrection after three days.

Implications...

■ Jesus personally conquered death!

- Rom. 6:9 – Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.
- 2 Tim. 1:10 – our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.
- Heb. 2:14-15 – Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.
- 1 Cor. 15:55 – "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"

■ Jesus has power and authority over death.

- Rev. 1:17-18 – "When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last," I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.
- 1 Cor. 15:26 - "The last enemy that will be abolished is death."

Implications...

■ 3) A call to believe to salvation