



— THE GOSPEL OF —  
**MARK**  
SUFFERING SERVANT & SON OF GOD

**Victory Over Disease & Death**



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**Mark 5:21-43**

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# Two Stories

## Story One: Jarius' Daughter, 5:21-24

- Our study last week ended with a note:
  1. Jesus left the Gentile region (The Decapolis) around the Sea of Galilee, where He met the man possessed by many demons.
  2. Now He returned to the Jewish towns on **the other side**, and the large crowds immediately came to Jesus again.
- It was at this point that a Ruler of the Synagogue (Jarius), fell at Jesus' feet.



## Certain facts about Jairus

**Mark 5:21-24**

Jairus was one of the local rulers of the synagogue, which means he was a Jew

He holds lofty position in the community v. 22 which means he was financially OK

He was probably not theologically trained like the scribes or rabbis but was responsible for the maintenance of and activity in the local synagogue.

But he didn't let his position keep him from coming to Jesus.

He knew he was out of options and, believed Jesus could heal his 12 yrs. old little girl. Invited Jesus to come to his house to heal his daughter

But he also believed Jesus should be there for it to happen

Unfortunately, his daughter died before Jesus got to his house, interrupted by the woman with the issue of blood

## Story Two: Woman with the issue of blood, 5:25-27

- There are certain things we can say about this woman:
  - a) She was probably a Jew
  - b) Had a hemorrhage that was incurable for 12 years
  - c) Condition made her ceremonially unclean  
This uncleanness did not allow her to take part in any aspect of Israel's worship (Leviticus 15:19-31).
  - d) Socially unclean. By the Jewish law, she was probably divorced from her husband, lost her home and friends; ostracized from all society.
  - e) Spent all she had on medical bills and never got well.
- She touched the hem of Jesus' garment and her bleeding stopped.

# Two Stories



## Two Questions

➤ Why did Jesus **limit the number of people to this dramatic event?** VV. 37,40

1. No one comes to know Jesus from the vantage point of curiosity, nor from the distance of unbelieving laughter
2. Intimate knowledge of Jesus is not given to those who despise Him
3. If men and women will not **trust** the **WORDS** of Jesus, they will not **believe** the **WORKS** of Jesus (cf. Story of Lazarus & Rich man - Luke 16:19ff; Story of doubting Thomas - John 20:29)

Whoever Has Will Be  
Given More; Whoever  
Does Not Have, Even  
What He Has Will Be  
Taken From Him.”

Mark 4-25

**Elephant in the room**



1. Why is Mark telling us these two stories?
  - a) To expose the dissension among the ranks of the Synagogue?
  - b) To show that in spite the hatred of the Scribes and Pharisees, Jesus had friends and followers in High places?
  - c) Show how inadequacy of medicine during the days of Jesus, on the issue of blood?—
2. What did Mark ( and the Holy Spirit) want us to see?
3. What connects these miracles?

# Jesus is the Son of God


- These two stories are meant to be the sequel to the story of the storm.
  1. In the storm Jesus' disciples feared for their lives
  2. When Jesus calmed the wind and stilled the waters, they said to one another:  
*"Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" (Mark 4:41)*
- Their question looms over our text today: Who is Jesus?
- Mark launched his book with the answer:
  1. *"The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God."* (Mark 1:1)
  2. The woman with the issue of blood was learning that Jesus: **He is the Son of God, The Omnipotent God with all powers over diseases.**



## Jarius and wife were learning

1. Jesus, the Son of God
  - Can take extraordinary situations and makes them ordinary, v. 41
  - “Talitha Kum” is an ordinary phrase every mother uses in her home.
  - Jesus takes the little girl’s pulseless, pale hand (extraordinary situation), and employ an ordinary/familiar phrase of her mother to raise her up.
  - Jesus will never be lost every time the mother uses that phrase.
  - Only God make extraordinary circumstances ordinary





**Let's wrap  
this up  
people.**

Jesus makes broken lives whole, no matter who you are:

- Jairus had 12 years of sunshine. The woman had 12 years of agony that seemed hopeless to heal.
- Jairus was an important man. The woman was a nobody. We don't even know her name.
- Jairus was probably wealthy. The woman was poor. She spent everything on doctors.
- Jairus came publicly. The woman came secretly.
- Jairus thought Jesus had to go to heal his daughter. The woman thought all she needed was to touch Jesus' garment.
- Jesus responded to the woman immediately. Jesus responded to Jairus after a delay.
- Jairus' daughter was healed secretly. The woman was healed publicly.