



**Title: Gospel of Mark: Power Over Sickness And Death.**

**Scripture: Mark 5:21-43**

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*The contrast between these two needy people is striking and reveals the witness of Christ's love and mercy. - Warren Wiersbe*

**BOTTOM LINE: When it comes to ministry, we can't put Jesus in a box.**

### **1. The Request (vv. 21-24)**

#### **V. 21**

**A great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea-** Jesus left the Gentile region where He set the possessed man free. He would now return back to the other side of the Sea of Galilee where he would find a multitude of people.- Jesus left the Gentile region where He set the possessed man free. He would now return back to the other side of the Sea of Galilee where he would find a multitude of people.

**Jairus put himself in the presence of Jesus and humbled himself. (v. 22)**

#### **V. 22**

**One of the rulers of the synagogue came-** One of the rulers from the synagogue approached Jesus. He would be the one who managed all of the business and spiritual affairs of the synagogue.

**He fell at His feet-** This man did not just come up to Jesus, he came to Jesus in full desperation. It was not easy for a religious leader to do this since most of his peers were opposed to Jesus.

**Jairus presented his request before Jesus and had confidence in Him. (v. 23)**

## V. 23

**“My little daughter lies at the point of death...lay Your hands on her... she will live”**- The reason why Jairus came to Jesus in complete desperation was because his daughter was near death. He came to Jesus with full confidence that He could heal her with a simple touch.

*It may be that the man held a firm superstition in his mind, believing that the healer had to be present....whatever the reason, his thinking put Jesus in a box. - David Guzik*

## V. 24

**So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him-** After hearing his plea, Jesus went with him to go see his daughter. The multitude followed.

**Jesus did not get distracted or forget about Jairus. We are going to see that Jesus had His means and methods.**

## 2. The Interruption (vv. 25-34)

### vv. 25-26

**A certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years- This woman was facing a desperate situation. According to the law, for the past 12 years she would be considered unclean from both a social and ceremonial standpoint. She would have experienced 12 years of near isolation.**

**Had suffered many things from many physicians-** Given the condition that she had, she had been to many doctors.

**She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse-** She may have gone to the doctors with the goal of feeling better, however, she ended up in a worse situation. Perhaps the medical bills became a burden or her physical situation got worse.

*A sick soul may go to “Doctor Entertainment,” but find no cure. They pay a visit to “Doctor Success” but he is no help in the long run. “Doctor Pleasure,” “Doctor Self-help,” or “Doctor Religion” can’t bring a real cure. Only “Doctor Jesus” can. - David Guzik*

### **vv. 27-28**

**When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment-** She, as well as others knew Jesus was in the area. Perhaps she was uncomfortable asking Jesus, given her condition. She may have just had great faith. Whatever the reason, she was desperate to be healed.

**She heard about all the incredible things Jesus had done, and now she wanted to experience the goodness of Jesus herself.**

**She said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well”-** She had such great faith in Jesus, so much that if she could just touch His garment, she knew she would be healed. Even though she had faith in Jesus’ ability to heal her, her belief that Jesus’ garment could heal her was more than likely based in superstition.

### **v. 29**

**Immediately...She was healed of the affliction-** Upon touching His garment, Immediately she was healed.

*When she touched His garment, Jesus wasn’t made unclean; the woman was made whole. When we come to Jesus with our sin and lay it upon Him, it doesn’t make Him a sinner, but it makes us clean. - David Guzik*

### **vv. 30-31**

**Turned around in the crowd and said, “who touched My clothes?”-** A better way to understand this is to think of Jesus saying “who touched me on my clothes”. She may have secretly tried to touch Jesus, but it did not go unnoticed.

### **v. 32**

**He looked around to see her who had done this thing-** Jesus knew who had touched Him and received healing, he turned around to engage her.

### **v. 33**

**But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him-** She came to Jesus in faith and ended up falling before Him in reverence. She honored Jesus publicly.

**v. 34**

**He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well.-** Jesus does not rebuke her. He commends her by telling her that her faith has made her well. Her faith may have been in other doctors, but it was her faith in Jesus that healed her.

**She may have felt embarrassment, but she did not let her pride stop her from stepping out in faith.**

**Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction”-** These words would ring in her heart and mind forever. Jesus acknowledged that she was healed. She had seen many doctors who said they could heal her. Ultimately, she was healed by Jesus who confirmed what had happened.

**Jesus did not call her out to embarrass her, He called her out so she would know with great certainty that she had been healed.**

**Three Reasons Why Jesus May Have Healed Her This Way:**

1. He wanted to bless her in a special way
2. He wanted others to see her faith.
3. He didn't want her to think she caused the healing to take place.

*God is never slow, but He often seems slow to the sufferer. - David Guzik*

**3. The Fulfillment. (vv. 35-43)**

**v. 35**

**Some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?-** Jairus' heart must have sunk hearing these words. His situation now seemed like it was beyond hope.

**v. 36**

**He said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not be afraid; only believe”-** Jesus may have seen the discouragement on his face.

**Jesus Encourages Jairus With Two Things:**

1. Do not be afraid.
2. Believe.

**vv. 37-38**

**He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James....He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue-** Jesus heads to the home with Peter, James, John and Jairus. No one else was permitted to follow.

**v. 39**

**Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping-** Jesus states that the child is not dead, but sleeping. This was a word of hope for Jairus.

**v. 40**

**They ridiculed Him-** Everyone there was convinced that she was dead and as a result, they ridiculed Jesus. They quickly went from weeping for this young girl to ridiculing Jesus. The imperfect tense suggests that they kept it going.

**He took the father and the mother of the child and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying-** Jesus would now enter where the child was.

**v. 41**

**He took the child by the hand, and said to her “Talitha, cumi,” ...little girl, I say to you arise-** Jesus spoke to this dead girl as if she were alive. Jesus could only speak this if He were truly God.

*Jesus spoke to this girl with the power of God and she was raised from the dead. - David Guzik*

**v. 42**

**Immediately the girl arose and walked- Without delay, this little girl got up.**

**She was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with Great amazement-** Jesus met Jairus his lowest point. He brought his daughter back to life.

**v. 43**

**No one should know it...something should be give her to eat-** This block of scripture ends with two commands. The first was so more people would not show up for the wrong reasons. The second demonstrates His compassion for this girl and her family.

**Seeing Jesus work this way does not mean He will always rescue or heal people, but it does demonstrate that He has the authority and power to do so.**

**Not everyone has the same level of faith, however Jesus responds to faith no matter how great or small it might be.**

*Both Jairus and the poor woman found the answers to their needs at the feet of Jesus. - Warren Wiersbe*

**Three Important Lessons We Can Observer From This Scripture:**

- 1. We need to approach Jesus.**
- 2. We need to believe and not be afraid.**
- 3. We need to remember Jesus has His way and He can't be put into a box.**



# 3D Guide

**DO.** **BOTTOM LINE:** When it comes to ministry, we can't put Jesus in a box.



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1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



## DISCUSS.

1. How are the two peoples story of faith similar? Different?
2. Have you ever come to Jesus with this kind of faith for an issue you were facing?
3. What are some ways we can apply this scripture to your lives?



## DO.

Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on [blueletterbible.com](http://blueletterbible.com) or with their app.