

**BIBLE STORY: JAIRUS' DAUGHTER IS RAISED AND
THE WOMAN WITH THE FLOW OF BLOOD**
Mark 5:22-43

Central Thoughts

- The object of faith is Christ and His Word alone.
- Jesus allowed Himself to be touched by the uncleanness of sinners in order to give us new life.
- According to the Lord's promise, earthly elements become instruments of His forgiving grace.

Discussion Questions

What does a ruler of a synagogue do?

He supervises the reading of the Holy Scriptures and the rabbi's who preach and teach the Word of God.

How does the synagogue ruler show his faith in Jesus?

He fell at Jesus feet praying for Him to lay His hands on his daughter who was at the point of death that she might live.

What happened after Jesus went with Jairus?

A great multitude thronged Him. A woman who had been bleeding for twelve years and who had found no relief from physicians but was only getting worse, secretly touched His garment believing that if she could but touch His clothes she would be made well.

What happened to the woman when she touched His clothes?

She stopped bleeding and was healed of her affliction.

How did Jesus respond to the realization that power had gone out from Him to heal this woman?

He asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

What does Jesus' question teach us about His state of humiliation?

He only knew and did what God the Father had given Him to know and do.

What do we learn from the fact that Christ's healing power went out from Him through His clothing?

Physical means—like water, bread, and wine—are often used by God as instruments of His grace. In the Sacraments, Christ attaches His promises of the Holy Spirit, forgiveness, life, and salvation to earthly elements.

How did the disciples react to Jesus' question?

With such a large crowd around Him, they wondered why He wanted to know who touched Him.

How did the woman respond to Jesus' question?

She was afraid and confessed the truth about why she had touched Him.

What did Jesus say to the woman?

He called her "daughter," forgiving her all her sin, saying, "your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed of your affliction."

Who did this woman believe in?

Her faith was in Jesus, whom she believed was her Lord and Savior.

What happened while Jesus was speaking to the woman who was healed?

Some from the ruler of the synagogue's house came and reported that Jairus' daughter had died and that he should not trouble Jesus, the teacher anymore.

How did Jesus respond to the news?

He told the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

What was Jairus to believe?

He was to trust in Jesus and believe in His Word of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Who were the only disciples that Jesus permitted to go with Him to Jairus' house?

Peter, James, and John

What did Jesus mean by telling the weeping crowd that the little girl was not dead, but asleep?

The Christian is not to fear death, because He has conquered death. For the Christian, death is like sleep as the body rests in the grave to await the resurrection on the last day.

How did the unbelieving crowd react to Jesus' words?

They laughed at Him.

What do we learn from Jesus taking the little girl's mother and father with Him into her room?

His victory over death and the grave means that we will have a blessed reunion with those we love who have died in the faith.

How did Jesus' raise the girl to life?

He took her by the hand, saying, "Talitha, cumi," which means, "little girl, arise." And the twelve-year old girl arose and began to walk. He then demonstrated ongoing care for her body by commanding that she be given something to eat.

Why did Jesus command them not to tell anyone?

The disciples were not yet ready to begin preaching about Jesus. Throughout His ministry His preaching was more important than His miracles because His miracles were the result and blessing that came from His Word.

Meditation on the Bible Story

Jairus and the woman with the flow of blood both came to Jesus because they believed in Him. They believed Him to be the Savior from death. The flow of blood is a token of death because one's life is in the blood (Leviticus 17:14). When a woman is bleeding, she is ceremonially unclean, cut off from worship in the synagogue and temple, and not allowed to touch a man. By allowing Himself to be touched by an unclean sinner, Jesus showed that He came to take our sin upon Himself. The woman's act of touching Jesus' garment was a bold act of faith that dared to reach out to Him, even though she knew that she was a sinner—unclean and unworthy. We approach the Lord's Supper in the same way. We are sinful and unclean, and yet we need the forgiving touch that comes through Jesus' body and blood. She did nothing wrong! Jesus' healing power went out from Him through His earthly garment just as His forgiveness, life, and salvation come to us through the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. By His Word earthly elements are given great power to heal and save. By His Word He directed both the woman with the flow of blood and Jairus' the synagogue ruler to trust in nothing else. It is the same for us. "Daughter," He said, "your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed of your affliction." And to Jairus He said, "Do not be afraid; only believe." The object of faith is Christ and His Word. By His Word He called life out of death as He said to the lifeless daughter, "Little girl, I say to you arise." In the Holy Communion we have a foretaste of the resurrection to eternal life with Christ and with one another who have died in the faith.

Prayer on the Bible Story

Dear Lord Jesus, give us the faith of Jairus, so that we only believe Your Word when we face the enemies of sin and death. Though we are unworthy sinners, help us to seek your help with boldness and confidence. As you touched the woman with the flow of blood and raised Jairus' daughter from the dead, so touch us with Your Holy Word and Sacraments that we might know the comfort and certainty of the resurrection to new life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



The Woman with the Flow of Blood
Mark 5:25-34



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