

## **Mark 5:21-43—Jairus and the Bleeding Woman**

### **I. Jairus**

- a. Synagogue Ruler: high status; important person
- b. Despite his status, he finds himself desperate and turns to Jesus
- c. Jairus' true strength is his humble willingness to go to Jesus, not trusting in his background
- d. After hearing of his daughter's death, he has to display greater faith by believing Jesus can do something

### **II. The Woman**

- a. 12 years of perpetual bleeding; most likely from uterus
- b. Sickness would make her ritually unclean, cutting her off from society (including worship)
- c. In her desperation, she is willing to take a risk
- d. She tries to be discrete, but Jesus doesn't let her (out of love)

### **III. The Situation**

- a. Jesus goes with Jairus to heal his daughter; He is surrounded by a large crowd
- b. In this crowd, the woman discretely touches his garment and is healed
- c. Jesus stops, hears her story (this may have taken a while), and blesses her: *Go in peace (shalom)*
  - i. Jesus, as a rabbi, likely wearing prayer shawl (*Num. 15*) and woman grabbing his tassels in belief he is Messiah (c.f. *Mal. 4:1-2*)
- d. *Your faith has made you well*; dispels any notion that the touch of his garment carried magical properties
- e. Despite the news of the girl's death, Jesus continues with Jairus
- f. Those present (professional mourners) who scorn Jesus' comment were not invited to witness is miracle
- g. Giving her something to eat; indication she's physically resurrected, not just her spirit (c.f. *Luke 24:41-43*)
- h. Jesus displays his authority: over sickness and death

### **IV. So what?**

- a. Jesus ministers to people regardless of status or reputation
  - i. Regardless of your past, Jesus desires you to turn to him
- b. As God's people, we must exercise the same openness of compassion; The gospel and the Christian story is one that is put us all on equal footing before God (*Gal. 3:28-29*)
- c. Jesus takes the unclean and makes them clean
  - i. We all need forgiveness; we need a Savior
- d. *Do not fear, only believe*; God loves you and holds you in his sovereign hand
  - i. We all have different fears, but we are called to a faith that brings us through our fears