

The Miracles of Jesus

Lesson Nineteen

Healing the Woman with an Issue of Blood

Text: Matthew 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48

Introduction:

1. This miracle occurred as Jesus was on the way to raise Jairus' daughter from the dead.
2. As Jesus journeyed, He was thronged by a multitude that had followed Him since He returned from the land of the Gadarenes.
3. During such chaos, this woman came forth with a desire to be healed.

I. The Miracle

- A. This woman, who is not named, was plagued with an issue of blood.
 1. The idea of an issue of blood is a flowing or hemorrhaging.
 2. This was not only a physical danger, but it also made her unclean according to the Law of Moses (Leviticus 15:19-27).
 - a. Imagine not being able to touch another person for fear of making him or her unclean.
 - b. Perhaps this is why she only wanted to touch the hem of Jesus' garment.
 3. This was not a new condition, but one that had plagued her for 12 years.
 4. She had tried to be cured by doctors, but her condition had only worsened.
- B. She approached Jesus in faith.
 1. She approached Jesus from behind – not trying to be deceptive, but due to the shame brought about by her ailment and her own humility.
 2. She fought her way through the crowd to get to Jesus.
 3. She believed that by merely touching His clothes she would be healed.
- C. Upon touching the border of Jesus' garment, she was immediately healed.
- D. Jesus knew what had happened. This was not an "involuntary" miracle.
 1. He "knew what was in man" (John 2:24-25; 1:47-50).
 2. Jesus did not ask, "Who touched my clothes?" because He needed information.
 3. Instead, this was an opportunity to teach about true faith and about one's responsibilities when blessed by God.
 - a. One cannot hide from the Messiah.
 - b. Others were blessed to know of the miracle performed by Jesus.

II. The Manifestation

- A. This miracle demonstrated Jesus' power over "incurable" disease.
- B. It also proved His omniscient view of man's heart.
- C. It clearly shows His compassion for the sick and the suffering.

III. The Message

- A. Contrast the faith of this woman with the weaker faith of Jairus.
- B. She was healed by faith, but not by faith alone.
- C. She was cured only by that which was connected to Jesus. { *One garment was not as good as any other. It had to be Jesus' garment!* }
- D. What man views as a distraction is often what God uses as an opportunity.