

Miracles of Jesus

The Woman with a Discharge of Blood

Matt 9:20-22, Mark 5:25-34

Luke 8:43-48

(Really) Short Version

A woman approaches Jesus for physical healing.

Jesus heals the woman and

uses the opportunity for a personal encounter.

Two Miracles – Mark 5:21-43

And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet and implored him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.” And he went with him.

Mk 5:21-24 (ESV)

And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.”

Mk 5:25-28 (ESV)

And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’” And he looked around to see who had done it.

Mk 5:29-32 (ESV)

But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.”

Mk 5:33-36 (ESV)

And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. And when he had entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.”

Mk 5:37-39 (ESV)

And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Mk 5:40-43 (ESV)

Markan Sandwich

Jairus implores Jesus to go heal his daughter

Woman with the chronic discharge of blood is
healed

Jairus' daughter is dead, Jesus brings her back to life

12 Years!

“If a woman has a discharge of blood for many days, not at the time of her menstrual impurity, or if she has a discharge beyond the time of her impurity, all the days of the discharge she shall continue in uncleanness. As in the days of her impurity, she shall be unclean. Every bed on which she lies, all the days of her discharge, shall be to her as the bed of her impurity. And everything on which she sits shall be unclean, as in the uncleanness of her menstrual impurity. And whoever touches these things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening.

Lev 15:25-27 (ESV)

Life Situation

Sick, unclean, broke

Single, possibly divorced

Could not go to the temple

No physical contact with others

Socially isolated

Self esteem?

Mental health?



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Mk 5:27-28 (ESV)

Tassels

“Speak to the people of Israel, and tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a cord of blue on the tassel of each corner. And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the LORD, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, which you are inclined to whore after. So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God.”

Nu 15:38-40 (ESV)

Who Touched My Garments?

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Mk 5:29-31 (ESV)

Jesus knew in advance and allowed it to happen

Different Motives

Woman – physical healing

Jesus – personal encounter

**Physical healing = opportunity to establish a
personal relationship**

Busted!

And He looked around to see who had done it.

But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth.

Mk 5:32-33 (ESV)

Fear and trembling... Awe and reverence

“Thus you shall ... keep the people of Israel separate from their uncleanness, lest they die in their uncleanness by defiling my tabernacle that is in their midst.”

Le 15:31 (ESV)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.”

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Jn 1:1-2,14 (ESV)

Saved by Faith

And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

Mk 5:34 (ESV)

Faith in: Jesus’ power, ability to heal

Result: made well and saved

Atonement

“And on the eighth day she shall take two turtledoves or two pigeons and bring them to the priest, to the entrance of the tent of meeting. And the priest shall use one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. And the priest shall make atonement for her before the LORD for her unclean discharge.

Le 15:29-30 (ESV)

Two Miracles	Jairus	Woman
Name?	Jairus	Not told her name
Life Situation	well known, respected, financially secure	Unclean, social outcast, broke
Reason for seeking Jesus	Desperate – daughter dying	Desperate – bleeding for 12 years
Faith	Encouraged: “don’t be afraid, only believe”	Commended: your faith has made you well...”
Issue	12 year old daughter died	Issue of blood for 12 years
Initial Status	Unclean	Unclean
Jesus’ Touch	Brought back to life	Made well, saved

Implications

- We have all fallen short and are/were “unclean”
- Being unclean separates us from God
- We are meant to be in a relationship with our creator
- Our cleansing/atonement effected by Jesus’ death on the cross

The woman’s blood was a temporary problem
Jesus’ blood is the permanent solution

Romans 3:21-25 (NIV)

“But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood —to be received by faith.”

**Faith – grounded in who Jesus is and
what He has accomplished on our behalf**

Romans 10:9-11 (ESV)

“...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.”

Have you accepted God’s gift of salvation?

One Pattern for Prayer

ACTS

A – adoration

C – confession

T – thanksgiving

S - supplication

Living Faith

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Col 3:1-4 (ESV)

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Col 3:12-15 (ESV)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Col 3:16-17 (ESV)

Let's put our faith into action...

To God be the Glory!