

LESSON SIX

JESUS RAISES JAIRUS' DAUGHTER/HEALS A WOMAN

MATTHEW 9:18-26

1. **Read and re-read the passage.** Matthew weaves two stories of miracles within one in this passage. Who are the people in this passage? Where does it take place? When do these miracles occur? Prayerfully read this passage and the corresponding accounts in Mark 5:21-43 and Luke 8:40-56. What similarities do you notice between the two stories? What differences do you see?
2. **What else is going on?** To gain some context, read Matthew 9:9-17. Where is Jesus having a meal and with whom?
 - a. Who does Jesus say that He has come to help?
 - b. What question is Jesus answering as this story begins to unfold?

NOTE:-

The two other accounts of this story in Mark 5:21-43 and Luke 8:40-56 give us more detail than Matthew's. Matthew, it seems, is more interested in showing that Jesus healed a sick woman on the way to raising a dead girl, and he connects the two by showing Jesus has authority over death.

3. **Jairus' Case:** We learn from Mark's account that this ruler's name was Jairus, and he was a ruler in the synagogue. When Jairus first comes to Jesus, his daughter is near death. Later, after the "delay" of healing the bleeding woman, Jairus' servants come and essentially say, "Never mind" your daughter has already died.

a. What might have made Jairus appeal to a man whom most of his peers had rejected?

- b. What does Jairus want Jesus to do?
- c. Why does he persevere even after the news that his daughter has died?

OWNING THE PASSAGE:

How do you see Jesus use desperation in our lives to drive us to Himself? What obstacles keep you from being desperate for Jesus?

4. The Bleeding Woman's Case: We learn in Luke's account that this woman has not only been bleeding for 12 years but that no one could heal her.

- a. How is this woman desperate for Jesus?
- b. What does she say to herself that was "heard" by Jesus when she touched the fringe on His garment?
- c. How does Jesus respond to her?

OWNING THE PASSAGE:

"If only's" run through our minds and sometimes dominate our thoughts. Many things had happened in the woman's life to get her to this point. What must sometimes happen in our lives to bring us to the point of desperation so that we cry out in faith to Jesus?

BIBLE DICTIONARY:

Touching Bleeding Women - According to Leviticus 15:25-33, a woman who had excessive menstrual bleeding was considered unclean. A woman in this condition was barred from attending any temple gatherings. Should someone touch her or come near where she had been, they too would be considered unclean.

Touching a Dead Body - According to Leviticus 21:10-12, a religious leader was not to have contact with a dead body or he too would be considered unclean.

5. Putting the two cases together

These stories are presented together to show us that what was true of the hemorrhaging woman was true of Jairus' daughter as well. Both women were considered unclean for Jesus to touch—the woman because of her bleeding and the little girl because she was dead.

- a. What else is similar about their situations?

- b. How does Jesus restore them?

6. The word *daughter* is used for both of the females in this passage. What does this teach us about the relationship Jesus desires to have with us?

7. What does Jesus' willingness to touch that which is “unclean” teach us about what He came to do? How does this miracle point us to how Jesus deals with the uncleanness of this world (see Revelation 7:14)?

OWNING THE PASSAGE:

Brokenness casts its shadow in our lives as we witness and experience that which is unclean and sinful and as we endure sickness and death. How does what you believe about Jesus' authority over each give you hope for how you live each God-ordained day?

EXPLORE MORE:

A. Throughout the Gospel accounts, even as He is performing miracles that amaze great crowds, Jesus sometimes, as He does in this story, cautions individuals not to make known what He has done. This is often referred to as the “messianic secret.” There is a hiddenness of certain aspects of His mission that He is not yet ready to reveal. **According to Psalm 64:2, John 7:8, and John 11:45-48**, what are the reasons for this concealment?

B. **Read John 12:20-32; 14:1-2, 27-31.** As the pivotal moment of Jesus’ mission approaches, what does John reveal are some of the glorious truths about the Redeemer and His people that will be a result of the completion of the mission?