

The Hem of His Garment

Mark 5:21-43

Mark 5:21-24 Jairus' Daughter Part 1

21. When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. 22. Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet 23. and pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." 24. So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him.

Mark 5:25-34 Woman Healed by Hem of His Garment

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Mark 5:35-43 Jairus' Daughter Part 2

35. While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher any more?" 36. Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe." 37. He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. 38. When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. 39. He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." 40. But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. 41. He took her by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum!*" (which means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). 42. Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. 43. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Introduction

Mark is the smallest of the Gospels and actually is the first Gospel to be written. Mark was Peter's interpreter and often kept notes on Peter's teachings. The Church of Rome persuaded him put those recollections in writing in 68 A.D., shortly before Peter's death. Those recollections became the Gospel of Mark.

There are lots of things to look at in this the shortest Gospel.

- All the Teachings of Jesus in Mark
- All the Miracles of Jesus in Mark
- All the Parables of Jesus in Mark
- All the Promises of Jesus in Mark
- All the Demons Jesus Cast Out in Mark
- All the Verses to Memorize in Mark

I have compiled the "All the....in Mark" and will make them available as downloadable PDF files later in the series.

People in the Gospel of Mark. Most of them were desperate.

We're looking at the Gospel of Mark. And we've been looking at the lives that are transformed by Jesus Christ. We're calling it powerful life changing encounters with Jesus Christ. What is most important in Mark are the individuals who encountered Jesus whose lives were transformed.

Jesus said, "***The whole do not need a physician, but the sick.***" Until you reach the end of yourself and cry out in desperation, you will not find Jesus. You need to call on the Great Physician. Revelation 3:14-20

He came to make a difference in your life in your life. He came to touch us and change us. No believer should receive Christ and then go on happy to have a ticket to heaven, but go on with the same old life that you always had.

Jesus came to give you a new life. And he said that in John 10:10, "*I come that you might have life and that you might have it to its fullest, that you might have an abundant life.* If you're not having an abundant life, the Lord needs to touch you again. You just need to ask him to do that in your life.

You need to get desperate! You need to be persistent (importune) woman.

"Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, they shall be filled."

We are looking at the gospel of Mark. Mark wrote an unusual gospel. It's the shortest one. And it's all about pictures of people. It's not chronological and it's not theological. It is focused on Jesus, meeting people and Jesus touching their lives. And they're never the same. He wanted people to know this Jesus, this same Jesus that I'm writing you about the same Jesus that Peter told me about the same Jesus that I have encountered can come in your life and witty comes in. He will touch. He will change. You will never be the same. We're looking at 14 of 26 of these characters that have been touched by God.

The Hem of His Garment

This morning we are actually looking at two people and two stories. Both were desperate people. **I want us to look carefully at the minor character in the story because she touched the hem of his garment.**

Matthew 14:34–36 ESV

And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. **And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent around to all that region and brought to him all who were sick and implored him that they might only touch the fringe of his garment.** And as many as touched it were made well. **Matthew 14:34**

Luke 8:43–48 ESV

And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone. She came up behind him **and touched the fringe of his garment**, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!" But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me." **And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed.** And he said to her, "*Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.*"

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Background on Jesus' Garment

Wouldn't it be fascinating if you find the garment of Jesus at the Antique Road Show? Actually there is a claim of a church in Trier, France that they have the seamless robe of Jesus that the soldiers gambled for. It would be amazing. Would it still maintain the same power as it did in this story? Probably not. The claimed robe of Jesus was allegedly bought by Emperor Constantine's wife who willed it to the church in Trier. However this particular robe didn't show up anywhere until 1169 AD. About the time many relics of Jesus were being claimed.

There is another garment the Jesus wore and we are certain of that. It was commanded of God in [[Numbers 15:37-39](#), [Deuteronomy 22:12](#)]. **SO THE LORD, AS A JEW AND AS A RABBI, WORE A GARMENT, AND IT HAD ON IT A BORDER MADE OUT OF BLUE, FOUR TASSELS, ON IT ONE ON EACH CORNER.**

Numbers 15:37–41 ESV

The Lord said to Moses, **“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. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am the Lord your God.”

TASSELS

“In ancient Israel, men wore four-cornered outer tunics with these tassels, or tzitziyot, (T)ZIT-(T)ZIT tied to the four corners. This outer garment became known as a tallit, and eventually evolved into the more formal prayer shawl. But, why tassels? These tassels were to remind each Jewish man of his responsibility to fulfill God's commandments. In fact, these tassels are tied into 613 knots to constantly remind them of the 613 laws of Moses, of which there are 365 prohibitions (The "thou shalt not" laws), and 248 affirmations (the "thou shall" laws).

Each tassel was to have a blue thread. With blue so prevalent in our world today, it is hard to imagine that during the entire biblical period, **blue was probably the most expensive color to produce.** Therefore, it was reserved for royalty and the wealthy who could afford it. Before synthetic dyes, the only source was a **small gland in the “murex trunculus” snail.** Begins a purple, exposed to ultraviolet light become deep blue.

According to the historian Beatrice Caseau, **“10,000 shellfish would produce 1 gram of dyestuff, and that would only dye the hem of a garment in a deep color”** (Bagnall, 5673). These numbers are supported by the **quantity of discarded shells which, at Sidon for example, created a mountain 40 metres (120') high.** Such figures also explain why the dye was worth more than its weight in gold.

A pound of pre-dyed wool would set you back one pound of gold. This indicates that Lydia, the seller of purple and an early convert of Christianity, was one of the wealthiest women in the Empire. **In the "shorthand" of the Bible, this tidbit of information about Lydia, which means very little to us today, said a lot to early readers of the text. It said, in effect, "Hey, one of the wealthiest and most influential people in the Roman Empire has gotten saved!"**

I. The Woman's Infirmary

Talmud contains medical: Blood-letting, herbs, superstitions, folk magical cures

Crazy things doctors did – Germs| Ignaz Semmelweis 1846-47, wash hands after autopsy in chlorinated lime solution to remove odor and infectious particles. Mortality rate for maternity wards dropped 18% to 1%.

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The Woman's Condition – 12 years bleeding / chronic uterine hemorrhage

- SHE WAS DESPERATE – most of us aren't desperate for healing.
- SHE WAS BROKE – she spent all she had on physicians, nothing bettered
- SHE WAS LONELY – she came by herself, ceremonially unclean, no Temple Lev 15
- SHE WAS HURTING – 12 years of suffering and bleeding
- SHE WAS DYING – fatal disease, not cure, no hope in man

Malachi 4:2 ESV

*But for you who fear my name, the **Sun of Righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.** You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.*

Psalm 103:1-5

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

2 Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

*3 who forgives all your sins and **heals all your diseases,***

*4 **who redeems your life from the destruction** crowns you with love and compassion,*

5 he satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 107:19-20, (6,13,19,28)

*Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He **sent out his word and healed them;** he rescued them from the grave.*

2. The Woman's Will

1. I will go! – I'm not going to sit here any longer!
2. I will press through – I'm going to push through to Jesus
3. I will touch the hem of garment – if only I can touch him
4. I will be healed! (She said in her heart) – not might be healed

Desperate People

Mark 2:1-5 The paralyzed boy carried by his friends. (Matthew 9:2-7, Luke 5:18-26)

Mark 7:26 Syrophenician Woman - The woman was a Greek, a by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

Mark 9:17-29 Epileptic boy – father – “Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief!

Mark 10:46-51 – Blind Bartemaeus – “Jesus have mercy on me!

Luke 13:10-16 Crippled 18 years On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God...

And ought not this woman, being a **daughter of Abraham**, whom Satan has bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

Mark 6:53–56 ESV

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. **And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.**

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3. The Woman's Savior's

It wasn't the tallit that healed her. It was her faith in her SAVIOR!

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The Hem of His Garment

It is not a garment stuck in 33 AD. It is not a garment lost with all the relics of Jesus life and times. It is not the garment that heals, but faith in the One who wears the garment. Jesus said, "**Lady, your faith has made you whole.**" He has not changed. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. His willingness to heal has not changed. His power is not diminished. His arm is not shortened.

Jesus is not farther away now than he was back then. In his days on the earth he was limited by time and space. But now he sits at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us according to the will of the Spirit. The hem of His garment now is the garment of the Great High Priest. He is dressed in His royal robes.

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with **boldly draw near** to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

- 1. Boldly ask for a word from the Lord.**
- 2. Boldly ask for a promise from His word.**
- 3. Boldly ask for a touch of the Master's hand.**
- 4. Boldly ask for comfort in your affliction.**

Luke 11:9-13 Ask, Seek, Knock, as fish/snake, egg/scorpion, bread/stone
James 4:8 Draw near to God, he will draw near to you.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Only three things hinder your prayer of faith

1. Sin – always hinders your prayers – **Psalm 66:18**
2. Selfishness – consumer mentality **James 4:3**
3. Suspicion – doubt “*Jesus could do no mighty miracle because of unbelief.*” **Mark 6:5 / James 1:7-9 / Mark 9:23**

(I believe he can but I don't know if he will)

Jesus question to the sick:

1. *How long has this been going on – Mark 9:21*
2. *Do you believe I can do this? – Mark 9:23*
3. *Do you believe I have the power to heal? – Matt.9:28-31*
4. *Do you want to be healed? – John 5:6*
5. *What do you want me to do? – Mark 10:51*
6. *Do you believe I am the Son of God? – John 9:35*

Jesus taught us to pray and NEVER GIVE UP! Luke 18:1-8

We all need to reach out and touch the hem of Jesus garment. When we are weary, worried, wounded, restless, troubled, tormented, tired, sad, sick, overwhelmed, depressed, discouraged, broken, hurting, bruised, or backslidden. Don't be afraid to reach out for a miracle. Ask for His touch.

Unique Ways God Works His Healing

My Healer will not do it my way, but His way. God has mentioned 30 ways He helps us in our infirmities. Let God be God. Trust Him for great and surprising things. When you pray for healing, expect God to do it in His unique way. It may come as a miracle instantaneously or overnight. It may come through any of several of the ways He has told us in His Word.

1. He Binds up wounds – Psalm 147:3
2. He Cares – 1 Peter 5:7
3. He Carries – Isaiah 53:4
4. He Comforts – 2 Corinthians 1:4
5. He Cradles in his arms – Isaiah 40:11
6. He Delivers from suffering – Job 36:15
7. He Delivers from troubles – Psalm 34:4
8. He Delivers from fears – Psalm 34:19
9. He Exchanges ashes for beauty – Isaiah 61:3
10. He Gives sleep – Psalm 127:2, Proverbs 3:24
11. He Has mercy on – Philippians 2:27
12. He Heals- Psalm 147:3, Psalm 103:2-3
13. He Hears – Psalm 34:17
14. He Helps – Psalm 30:2, Jeremiah 17:14,
15. He Lifts us up – Psalm 40:1-2
16. He Looses from affliction – Luke 13:12
17. He Preserves life – Psalm 41:2
18. He Renews – Isaiah 40:31
19. He Raises up – James 5:15
20. He Redeems from destruction – Psalm 103:4
21. He Rescues – Isaiah 51:11
22. He Restores – Psalm 41:3, Jeremiah 30:17
23. He Removes sickness – Exodus 23:25
24. He Satisfies with long life – Psalm 91:16
25. He Sets free from infirmity – Luke 13:12
26. He Shields from plagues – Psalm 91:4-11
27. He Strengthens – Isaiah 40:29-31
28. He Sustains – Psalm 41:3
29. He Sympathizes – Hebrews 4:15
30. He Upholds with his hand – Psalm 37:23-24