

22S45 Mark 5:21-43 (Part 11)

Hello everyone. Thank you for joining me today @ the PUNLA Coffee Table. I hope everyone is doing well. Today we are continuing our study of the gospel according to Mark with Mark 5:21-43 (Part 11) Jairus daughter is healed (most likely a synagogue ruler from Capernaum), a woman just touches Jesus clothes and is healed.

Before we start, we need to understand a little about this amazing book in the bible. Most historians believe Mark was the first written account of Jesus' life, ministry, death and resurrection. The identity of Mark is not known for sure, but most believe this is John Mark. John Mark is spoken of by Luke in Acts as the cousin of Barnabas, John Mark is mentioned in many other books on the New Testament. Many believe he spent time traveling with Peter, so it is thought that much of Mark's gospel is actually from the perspective of Peter. We also believe that John Mark knew Jesus. There are accounts that Jesus stayed at Mark's mother's home, there are also some unique story details in Mark that are not in either Matthew's or Luke's accounts. We will try to highlight some of these as we go through the stories in Mark.

I'm reading from the New American Standard version (NAS) today. But of course, you can use whatever translation you choose.

Let's read Mark 5:21-40 (NAS) *²¹When Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around Him; and He stayed by the seashore. ²²And one of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came, and upon seeing Him, fell at His feet ²³and pleaded with Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death; please come and lay Your hands on her, so that she will get well and live." ²⁴And He went off with him; and a large crowd was following Him and pressing in on Him. ²⁵A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, ²⁶and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but instead had become worse— ²⁷after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak. ²⁸For she had been saying to herself, "If I just touch His garments, I will get well." ²⁹And immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰And immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that power from Him had gone out, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?" ³¹And His disciples said to Him, "You see the crowd pressing in on You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" ³²And He looked around to see the woman who had done this. ³³But the woman, fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be cured of your disease." ³⁵While He was still speaking, people came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; why bother the Teacher further?" ³⁶But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid, only believe." ³⁷And He allowed no one to accompany Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. ³⁸They came to the house of the synagogue official, and He saw a commotion, and people loudly weeping and wailing. ³⁹And after entering, He said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child has not died, but is asleep." ⁴⁰And they began laughing at Him. But putting*

them all outside, He took along the child's father and mother and His own companions, and entered the room where the child was in bed. ⁴¹And taking the child by the hand, He said to her, "Talitha, kumi!" (which translated means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk, for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were completely astonished. ⁴³And He gave them strict orders that no one was to know about this, and He told them to have something given her to eat.

Let's pray. Dear heavenly father, guide our discussion today such that your message is clear to each of us. As we read your words from Mark, help us see what Mark wants his readers to understand and why. I pray that you help me stay out of the way so your hope and peace can be shared with us. I pray this in your name Lord Jesus. Amen.

Now, let's take a closer look at these verses, Mark 5:21-23 (NAS) *²¹When Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around Him; and He stayed by the seashore. ²²And one of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came, and upon seeing Him, fell at His feet ²³and pleaded with Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death; please come and lay Your hands on her, so that she will get well and live."*

Jairus is presumably one of the leaders of a synagogue in Capernaum. We are certain about this but it is most likely that Jesus had returned to Capernaum. The synagogue leaders in Capernaum did not like Jesus very much. We don't know how Jairus thought about Jesus before this. But obviously, Jairus believed Jesus could help his daughter. A synagogue leader pleading at the feet of Jesus were everyone could see it.

Mark 5:24-27 (NAS) *²⁴And He went off with him; and a large crowd was following Him and pressing in on Him. ²⁵A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, ²⁶and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but instead had become worse— ²⁷after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind Him and touched His cloak.* Jesus is going with Jairus but then another event happens. A woman needing healing just secretly touches the clothing of Jesus.

Let's read on, Mark 5:28-30 (NAS) *²⁸For she had been saying to herself, "If I just touch His garments, I will get well." ²⁹And immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰And immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that power from Him had gone out, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My garments?"* This woman touches the clothes of Jesus, she believes that is all she needs to do, and she is healed. Do you think Jesus knew this was going to happen. Well, of course He did, He's God. This is for the people to see and learn from. But Jesus knows who touched Him, but instead He asks an impossible question.

Next Mark 5:31-34 (NAS) *³¹And His disciples said to Him, "You see the crowd pressing in on You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" ³²And He looked around to see the woman*

who had done this. ³³But the woman, fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. ³⁴And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be cured of your disease."

The disciples are like, what, how. You got to be kidding, everyone is trying to touch Jesus. But can you imagine the fear of this woman. She obviously knows Jesus is powerful. She doesn't run away though. She barely comes to Jesus and tells Him her story. I'm sure she is crying. Then our savior is so compassionate and loving.

Next Mark 5:35-36 (NAS) *³⁵While He was still speaking, people came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; why bother the Teacher further?" ³⁶But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid, only believe."*

I can only imagine the crazy emotional swings of the crowd and Jairus. His daughter is dying, then Jesus heals this woman miraculously, then he gets news his daughter is dead. But Jesus says, *"Do not be afraid, only believe."* Just believe, this is what Jesus tells us also. Faced with disappointment and harsh realities of life, do we still believe?

Next Mark 5:37-40a (NAS) *³⁷And He allowed no one to accompany Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. ³⁸They came to the house of the synagogue official, and He saw a commotion, and people loudly weeping and wailing. ³⁹And after entering, He said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child has not died, but is asleep." ⁴⁰And they began laughing at Him.*

They get there and the child is dead, the people of crying. It's a big commotion. Then Jesus says the child is not dead, but asleep. And the crowd starts laughing at Jesus.

Mark 5:40b-43 (NAS) *But putting them all outside, He took along the child's father and mother and His own companions, and entered the room where the child was in bed. ⁴¹And taking the child by the hand, He said to her, "Talitha, kum!" (which translated means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk, for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were completely astonished. ⁴³And He gave them strict orders that no one was to know about this, and He told them to have something given her to eat.*

Don't miss this. Jairus still believed, He let Jesus put everyone out of his house. This probably took a little while. Then with the parents and His disciples watching Jesus just says, "little girl wake up" I suppose this was very gentle, just like we would wake up our children. And woke up. She was dead, now she lives again. And Jesus says, don't tell anyone. Could you do that. Not me, I'd be screaming for joy.

Let's review.

- 1) Jairus? This man was probably important in the Jewish community. I wonder what his opinion of Jesus was before he decided he needed Jesus. Regardless, it took courage and desperation to come to Jesus.
- 2) Faith? We had two amazing faith stories intertwined in these verses. The woman who believe just touch Jesus' clothes would be enough and it was. And Jairus. His daughter is dead, he has been told there is nothing else that can be done. Jesus "*Do not be afraid, only believe*". I'm reminded of another story in the gospel, where Jesus tells a father he only needs to believe. The father responds, I do believe, but help my unbelief. I wonder if Jairus felt the same way. It was hopeless but any chance was worth it. I do believe Lord Jesus, help my unbelief.

Let's Pray. Heavenly Father thank you for Bible. Help us to read and meditate on your words so we can hear the message you have for us. Help us to remember who you are Lord. You are our king, king of kings. You are our Lord, Lord over everyone. We can trust you, Lord. Help us to ask you for wisdom when we don't understand. I pray this in your Name Lord Jesus. Amen

Let me leave you with this, just another day in the life of Jesus, healings, people crowded around Him. This is probably just a glimpse at what it was like. But remember Jesus did not just heal everyone who was sick. People had to demonstrate faith in order for Jesus to give them a glimpse of life in the kingdom of God. Can you imagine what it is going to like to be with Jesus all the time? I yearn for that day.

Thank you for joining me for our study of the gospel of Mark. Please email me comments or feedback. And if you liked the message, please share the link with your friends. Until next time @ the PUNLA Coffee Table. God bless.