

Mt.9.18-26 “Jesus Power Over all Our Enemies”
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The first thing that brought Jairus to Jesus was a DEEP NEED ...

v.18 - JESUS WAS ACCESSIBLE

(1) The **first** step in witnessing is to convince people of their need of salvation.

Jairus knew he had only one hope for help - He did not come to Christ out of an entirely pure motive.

(2) The **second** thing that brought him to Jesus, his faith.

Jairus must have trusted that Jesus was as able to forgive his sins & raise him to spiritual life.

Among those crowds were three kinds of people:

✚ the critical & resentful religious leaders.

✚ the curious & uncommitted onlookers.

✚ the guilty.

✚ The Creator of the universe, the Master of the world, the King of kings & Lord of lords ... was not too busy to stoop in mercy to serve His creatures.

v.19 - JESUS WAS AVAILABLE

God is sensitive to the needs of the multitude and the cry of an individual.

vv. 20-22 - JESUS WAS APPROACHABLE

Jesus’ attention was called to another single individual—an interruption became an opportunity.

Like Jairus, this **woman** knew that only Jesus could help her.

The stigma & humiliation of such a **hemorrhage** were perhaps second only to those of leprosy.

In addition to her social & religious isolation she was also penniless.

The single thought on her mind was to get close enough to Jesus just **to touch His garment**.

She would **touch His garment**, confident that even that indirect contact with Him was enough.

He was touchable even by the untouchable.

Jesus knows the one who comes to Him in desperation & genuine faith.

Made “**well**” **comes from** sōzō, the usual New Testament term for being saved from sin.

Being made well included spiritual salvation as well as physical healing.

Jesus’ miracles of healing were by His sovereign will and not conditioned by it.

The two things that bring men and women to Jesus Christ are

✚ deep-felt personal need &

✚ genuine faith.

vv.23-26 - JESUS WAS POWERFUL

Jewish funerals involved three prescribed ways of expressing grief and lamentation:

First was the tearing of one’s garment.

Second was by the hiring of professional women mourners.

Third involved hiring professional musicians, most often flute-players.

Jesus’ touching & speaking to her manifest compassion & tenderness.

CONCLUSION:

The Son of Man has demonstrated His power over every enemy of man, including Satan & death.

In Christ there is no longer reason to fear ...