

Christ's Power over Time

Mark 5: 21-43

Intro:

The reason we have called this message:

Christ's Power over Time

Is because in both of these great healings time is a factor.

1. The woman who had the issue of blood had it a long "Time", 12 years.
2. The assertion in verse 35 is that it was "too late" to help Jairus' daughter because she was dead.

But neither of these issues of time would be a hindrance to Christ.

Why?

Because he is the Lord of time!

He is the one who created time itself.

So, let us look at this passage together.

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Note 1;

Our Lord returns to Capernaum.

Mar 5:21 And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea.

Compare:

Mat 9:1 And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.

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not Bethlehem, where he was born, nor Nazareth, as Jerom thought, where he was educated, but Capernaum, as is clear from Mar 2:1 where he much dwelt, frequently conversed, and his disciples: here he paid tribute as an inhabitant, or citizen of the place, which he was entitled to by only dwelling in it twelve months, according to the Jewish canons; where it is asked (d),

"how long shall a man be in a city ere he is as the men of the city? It is answered, "twelve months"; but if he purchases a dwelling house, he is as the men of the city immediately;'"

Compare:

The phrase in 21;

“much people”

Also in verse 24

And

6:34.

Note 2;

There is a gap between v21 and v22

Compare: Matt 9: 1-18

Back to text:

*Mar 5:22 And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers
of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he
saw him, he fell at his feet,*

Consider:

Who Jairus was.

“one of the rulers of the synagogue”

What he did.

“and when he saw him, he fell at his feet”

Consider:

Up to now most jewish leaders came to Christ to challenge him or debate with him.

Not now!

*Mar 5:23 And **besought him greatly**, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.*

Lit;

Margin, “begged him earnestly”

3rd;

What he said.

“saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death”

Consider:

He knew know that all his religious knowledge and service had now power to save his daughter.

Only Christ could help!

4th;

What he requested.

“I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed”

5th;

What he believed.

“and she shall live”

Next,

One of the loveliest phrases in scripture:

*Mar 5:24 **And Jesus went with him;** and much people followed him, and thronged him.*

Now we come to:

As one as put it:

“A Story within a story”

Mar 5:25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

Consider:

Jairus' daughter was also 12 years old.

Verse 42.

“Time” was running out for the two women. But not for Christ!

Consider:

The religious ruler could not help one of them.

And:

The doctors could not help the other.

Mar 5:26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

Also:

There was nothing the women could do for themselves.

One was dying.

The other had spent all her resources.

But;

Then she heard of Jesus.

Mar 5:27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

Note;

There was no money involved in this healing.

It was Free!

Note;

What she thought;

Mar 5:28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

Consider:

Like Jairus in desperation she reached out to Christ.

Q. Have you ever in desperation reached out to Christ?

The Result.

*Mar 5:29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; **and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague.***

There was immediate and “felt” healing.

She knew she was healed!

Next note;

*Mar 5:30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that **virtue had gone out of him**, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?*

“virtue”

Lit: Power. Δύναμις *dynamis*

Consider:

The woman had touched the clothes of Christ in a way in which the crowd had not.

Note;

The response of his disciples.

Mar 5:31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

Next;

The interest of Christ in the woman.

Mar 5:32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.

Then;

The response of the woman.

Mar 5:33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

Q. Why did she fear?

Was it because she had been found out?

No.

It was because she had been healed.

“knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him”

This was a holy fear like that of Peter.

In Luke 5;

After the great catch of fish:

We read;

Luk 5:8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

Note;

How Christ addresses her.

*Mar 5:34 And he said unto her, **Daughter**, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*

Consider:

He was going to raise Jairus' Daughter and on the way takes to himself a Daughter in the faith.

What he says to her.

“thy faith hath made thee whole”

Q. Did her faith make her whole?

Did she have faith in the doctors?

Yes!

Did her faith make her whole then?

No!

It was who her faith was in that made her whole!

Abruptly;

We are brought back to the other story.

Mar 5:35 While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?

Consider:

The comforting and compassionate and challenging response of Christ.

Mar 5:36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

Compare;

*Psa 118:6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear:
what can man do unto me?*

Consider;

We must be careful on this point.

We can only have faith in what God has promised.

Therefore;

If my child dies, it is not an opportunity to claim a
promise of immediate resurrection as in this case.

But a hope for future resurrection at the last day.

Next;

We have the first mention of what has been called:

“The inner circle”

Of Christ’s disciples.

*Mar 5:37 And he suffered no man to follow him,
save Peter, and James, and John the brother of
James.*

Next:

Our Lord's words to the apparent mourners.

Mar 5:38 And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.

Mar 5:39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.

In verse 40 we see proof that they were nothing more than "professional" mourners.

*Mar 5:40 **And they laughed him to scorn.** But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.*

But;

Christ puts them out!

Then;

He turns to the girl.

Mar 5:41 And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.

Note;

She is dead, but he takes her by the hand.

Then;

Proof of Deity.

Damsel, I say unto thee, arise

Contrast:

Act 9:36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

Act 9:37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.

Act 9:38 And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them.

Act 9:39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

Act 9:40 *But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha,*

arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up.

Act 9:41 And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

Act 9:42 And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

Not; believed in Peter!

But; The Lord!

Back to text

Note;

No delay in resurrection

Mar 5:42 And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

Finally:

Twofold Instruction.

Mar 5:43 And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

