

I. Introduction. v. 40

II. Jesus encounters two apparently hopeless situations. 8:41-43

- A. Jairus pleads with Jesus to heal his dying twelve-year-old daughter. v. 41-42
1. It is very unusual that a Jewish leader would humbly approach Jesus for help. v. 47  
5:12,21,30 6:7 9:22 11:53 12:11 John 3:1ff
  2. Jairus' only begotten daughter is dying. 7:12 John 1:14,18 3:16 Heb. 11:17
  3. He believes that Jesus must come quickly to his house. 7:1-10,11ff
  4. The delays caused by the crowd and by the sick woman must have been agonizing for Jairus. v. 42b-48
- B. The woman with a hemorrhage has suffered for twelve years. v. 43
1. Her health was ruined.
  2. She was ceremonially unclean which isolated her from the community.  
Lev. 15:19-27 18:19 Ezek. 36:17
  3. She had suffered at the hands of many unhelpful physicians. Mark 5:26
  4. She was also ruined financially. Mark 5:26
- C. Trouble drives us to the Lord. Ps. 50:15 119:71
- D. The woman's pursuit of salvation from her physical malady is a picture of how people typically seek spiritual salvation.
1. Many have suffered at the hands of many false spiritual doctors (Law, Morality, Do-Good, Ceremony, Ascetic, Feel-good, Orthodoxy). Rom. 3:20 Phil. 3:2ff
  2. These quacks leave their patients worse off spiritually and financially.

III. Jesus cures the hopeless woman. v. 44-48

- A. She tries to steal a cure. v. 44
1. She sneaks up through the crowd and touches the fringe of Jesus' cloak.
  2. Immediately she is cured. Acts 5:14 19:11-12
  3. Why aren't all of the other people who crowded up against Jesus cured? v. 48
- B. Jesus call her out. v. 45-46
1. Does Jesus know who touched Him? 2:52 Mt. 24:36 Heb. 5:8
  2. Why does he ask?
  3. What do you think of Peter's answer?
- C. She gives testimony to what Jesus as done. v. 47 Mt. 10:32-33 Ro. 10:9
- D. Jesus sends her away in peace. v. 48 7:50
1. What is the significance of Jesus calling her "daughter"? 8:21 Mt. 12:20
  2. In what sense did her faith save her? 17:19 18:42
    - a. Her faith was not the effectual cause of the cure.
    - b. It was the object of her faith which saved her. 17:5-6 Mark 9:24
  3. Must faith be present in order for Jesus to heal? 7:14ff 8:29ff
  4. Will Jesus always provide physical healing if we just have enough faith?  
2 Co. 12:1-10 2 Tim. 4:20
  5. She now has peace. 7:50 Jo. 14:27

- E. What happened to her physically is a picture of what happens to us spiritually. v. 48
  1. After all other physicians had failed, we hear about the Great Physician and seek Him out. Mark 5:27 Rom. 10:17 Acts 4:12
  2. Salvation comes through making a connection with Jesus by faith. Eph. 2:8-9
  3. We are saved immediately when we believe. Acts 16:31 John 3:14-15
  4. Then Jesus calls us to give public testimony to what He has done for us. 9:26 Rom. 10:9 Mt. 10:32-33 1 Jo. 2:29
  5. We are now His sons and daughters and have peace. John 1:12-13 Ro. 5:1-2

#### IV. Jesus raises the dead girl. v. 49-56

- A. Do not fear, only believe. v. 49-50
  1. It appears that Jesus is too late. v. 49 John 11:6,21
  2. Jesus stirs Jairus to faith. v. 50 Mt. 9:18 John 11:4
  
- B. Jesus enters the house. v. 51-53
  1. Why does He allow only three of the disciples to accompany Him? v. 51 9:28 Mark 14:33 Mt. 17:1 26:37 Gal. 2:9
  2. The mourners mock Him. v. 52-53 24:10-11 Gen. 18:12 Acts 17:32 Mt. 9:23
  3. In what sense is the girl asleep? John 11:11-14 1 Th. 4:13-17 Acts 7:60
  
- C. Jesus raises the girl from the dead. v. 54-56
  1. He touches her, again exposing Himself to uncleanness. Num. 19:11 Acts 9:41
  2. He speaks and listening to His voice new life the dead receive. v. 54-55a 7:14 9:22
  3. Her spirit returns to her body.
  4. Why does Jesus tell them to feed her? v. 55
  5. Why does Jesus tell the parents not to tell others what happened? v. 56 8:39 John 6:15,26
  
- D. What is the significance of this miracle?
  1. Jesus has power over death because He is the conqueror of death. 1 Co. 15:50-58 Heb. 2:14-15 9:27 2 Tim. 1:10 John 6:47 11:25-26
  2. When we were spiritually dead in sin Jesus made us alive. Eph. 2:1ff
  3. Physical death is but a sleep from which we will awake. 2 Co. 5:8 1 Th. 4:13ff 5:10 Phil. 3:20-21 1:21-23 Acts 7:59-60 1 Co. 15:6,18,20,51 Rev. 6:9ff John 5:28-29
  4. We too are mocked for our belief in Jesus' power to raise the dead. Acts 17:32
  5. We too must learn to trust God. v. 50 Isa. 26:3-4 43:2 Ps. 27:1ff

#### V. Concluding applications. Heb. 2:14-15

##### Discussion questions

1. How has God used trouble to drive you to your knees and to seek Him?
2. In what ways (at least two) do Jairus and his friends underestimate Jesus?
3. What do these two miracles have in common?
4. How do people today seek worthless spiritual physicians the way the woman went to worthless physicians for her physical ailment?
5. How is the cure of the woman a vivid picture of how God saved us?
6. How does the raising of Jairus' daughter portray Jesus' mission?
7. Why did Jesus force the woman who had been healed to give testimony?  
In what way does He want you to bear testimony of His saving work?
8. Which is more important – the strength of your faith or the object of your faith? Explain.