

NT Scripture Reading Mark 5:25-34

Our Subject today. “The Greatest Miricle.”

We'll look first **at his message to those whose souls need saving**, who are unconverted who have never yet found Christ and come to him.

And then, we shall look at the clear message of the very same **miracle to those who are saved** for it has a special message for them as well.

We look back to v21 we see Jesus has crossed over again by boat to the other side and a great multitude gathered. One of the Rulers Jairus comes to Him. He is a leader – but he humbles himself and falls at the feet of Jesus. That’s the best place anyone could be, there is no better place no place more profitable than to be at the feet of Jesus. Great need had compelled Jairus to come to the Lord, yet He also came with Faith that the Lord would heal His daughter. It is a very urgent matter the little girl is at the point of death. A terrible cruel sickness had afflicted this little girl. She was helpless in its clutches. **Just like this is a picture of the terrible disease of Sin and death that has afflicted every one of us.** We are in the clutches of a terrible disease that will kill us. For the wages of Sin is Death.

So just as it was an urgent matter for the Lord to heal this little girl its and urgent matter for Him to heal us of the disease of Sin that has afflicted us.

Hearing of the Lord will cause faith to arise in many a hearer.

Jairus had heard His little daughter was at deaths door, and the woman who was in a battle for her life, desperate and had suffered many things under many physicians also heard. She was a dying woman, She was an exhausted woman tired out and worn down by all she had suffered, Aged before her time. **Yet she had heard and came to Jesus.** She was the only one who came behind Him in the crowd and touched Him. Great throngs of people multitudes. But we only read of one who came and touched Jesus with the touch of faith. We see the same thing with churches today, many will attend church across the world today. Some will even

go to the Lords table; they will partake of the bread and the wine. There are but few, here and there who touch Christ by faith, and go home "in peace."

This healing miracle and all the healing miracles are a picture of the greatest miracle the healing of the Soul. The forgiveness of Sin. **Yes, the Miracle really took place.** It proved The Lords Divinity and power. It showed His great compassion, how he healed so many, often the Lord went to a city or town and healed all who were sick.

But we focus upon this these two-suffering people in these passages, we see the see a lesson and illustration of the healing of the soul, the need to be reconciled to God and converted and become a Child of God with a hope and a future.

Both of them were searching - Jairus came, and the Woman came. The trouble with lost man when it comes to our Spiritual condition, Man often says I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing. We don't realise we are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. We can't accept that there is anything wrong with us. We can't accept we are sick need help.

The World has brainwashed the lost to believe that life is all about possessing many material things, to getting ahead. The Worlds values are things you can touch and see, they say you don't need to take any interest in your soul in eternity or in Spiritual matters. After all The world is rather proud thinking that they are superior to those who believe. But the truth is they know nothing of eternal purpose. They know nothing of the Living God They have no relationship with Him. They are without God and without hope.

But this woman with the issue of blood was a fighter. **She was a seeker** – she was a searcher. That's what we should be. **Having heard of Jesus,** Its most likely she heard where she lived in Capernaum. This was the very place the Lord Jesus did most of His miracles. The place He taught many parables, where He taught about Repentance and Remission of Sin. She had seen healings. Others would have spoken to her. Possibly even said get near to Jesus. But how?

She had this terrible condition an issue of blood.

She was considered an unclean woman and couldn't come near and touch people. She was an outcast and had to keep her distance. When she heard of Jesus she

came in the press behind Him, But how could she get near to Jesus , She knew she couldn't touch Him, She knew according to the Jewish law she was ceremonially unclean. But she had a plan, She said, **if I may touch** His outer garment just the edge of it. Just the tassel. **If only I may touch** I know I shall be healed. Surely that won't be breaking the Law only touching the edge of His garment.

If only I was permitted to touch, but I can't come to Him. **This is the Question Many Lost people have**, May I approach Him? Is it permissible? What will be the result? I've been against Him so long, I've sinned for so many years, I've ignored God, I've even slandered Him How can I approach Hi?

May I come? *John 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*

John 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

Some think can I come to Him? I'm so diseased, can He look upon me? Can He have Pity upon me?

Our lord is overflowing with grace and mercy and ready to receive those who come to Him.

He is ready to heal the sick. But more than that; the disease of sin and death that has affected us all, left us all with no hope. He is ready to wash away the burden of sin, remove the crushing guilt. Adopt us into His family. Prepare an eternal home for us where we will live with Him in his presence forever and ever.

God so ready – God so full of Love. The Lord Strong and mighty the only one that can cancel our debt of sin. This being true we should be very quick to place ourselves in His path that He may smile upon us. We should ask remembering He is ready to answer.

God's Word more than enough. Listen to Gods word carefully today, even if this message is to primarily to the lost it may bless another, the Lord may still have a blessing for you. **The Master knows no limit of power or boundary of mission.** Let us be expectant. **Psalms 103:8** The LORD *is* merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

A Miracle of great comfort. Hope to the Hopeless.

Here we see comfort come to a trembling woman. A woman who had suffered for 12 years. A woman who had lost her livelihood going to many doctors, A woman who had tried all and got no better but grew only worse. A woman who should have lost all hope but instead she is made whole. In the same way, many a man has spent sorrowful years in search of peace with God, reconciliation and failed to find it. Searching in worldly remedies, But never made whole, never finding peace. But there is comfort there is compassion, there is salvation to all who come, Like she did in fear and trembling, with the touch of faith.

The bible translators used the word I shall be made **whole** while the original meaning in the Greek, is I shall be **saved**. The translators decided that it means saved from sickness. So, they translate it whole. Yet we see its highly probable this woman **wanted Her sins forgiven**. She thought, **He must be the messiah**, He **preaches about repentance and the taking away of sins**. I need my sins taken away and I also need healing.

I can't Go to Him for just healing **when his main purpose is to give me forgiveness**. I must come first for forgiveness.

I need to be saved of my sin. It is very possible and almost certain that this woman heard Jesus preaching the Parable of the Sower.

*Luke 8:12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be **saved**.*

She uses the very same word from this parable, for she said, "If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be **Saved**." I shall be saved from my sin and also I shall be saved from my sickness.

We see Christ says to her daughter they faith has made you *Whole put there by the translators but its **saved***. Again, it's the same word. Then He said **go in peace (be reconciled)** and **be healed of they plague**. So, in this verse we have both saved and healed. This suffering woman received both salvation and healing. She came first of all to be saved and then to be healed

What do people want when they come to Christ? A breakthrough, A better life, to pass their exams, to be healed of a sickness. Well, the first and most important

is Salvation. Forgiveness of sin to become a new creation in Christ Jesus. **What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world but loses His soul.** Mark 8:36

She didn't realise the Lord was full of compassion- she went behind him to take in secret what He was so ready to freely give. For if she had known more of the Lord. Known His gracious ways she would have placed herself right in the face of His mercy.

Great mercy to the downcast and timid. All who have almost lost hope. All who feel crushed under the burden of guilt. **Isaiah 42:3** A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

She confessed all. Told the Lord of her disease, told Him how she had suffered. **We too confess our disease.** Sin is our disease. Sinner don't hide your sin, declare it all, acknowledge your sin to Him. If you are a drunkard, liar, or a thief, confess to Him make it plain. Acknowledge how you ignored Him drawing you, how you would not listen to His word.

The consequence of Sin? The crushing consequence of continuing in sin is clearly seen by this woman's sickness. It drained all life, drained her livelihood, drained her of Joy, robbed her of sleep, robbed her of peace, a constant source of pain and suffering. No Hope and no future was what she had.

This is exactly a picture of what sin does. Makes you days black and gloomy without meaning. The weight and burden of sin crushing its victim. But **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Tell Him everything. Perhaps you were a churchgoer, your faith was in your many doings. In your prayers and in your attendance. In the fact you read the bible. Tell Him you do all that, but you have never actually entered into His rest. Tell Him you have no peace in your heart, Tell Him you want to now come to Him. Tell Him you want to be reconciled.

Just one touch and how quickly all her fears and the black cloud was removed. It was a touch, but Jesus said Daughter thy Faith has saved you.

By faith she became a daughter -

Listen every one, there may be some here who's sins are very great, but His love is greater still. He knows even what you do in secret. Nothing is hidden. Come to Him, stay away no longer. If you place your faith in Him and confess you are a sinner, if you acknowledge you are a sinner in great need of salvation, He will save you. He will say go in peace, you will be reconciled to God. He will show his love and mercy to you.

Now in closing, what is this saying to the one who is a child of God to the converted?

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

Her strength, her joy, her peace, even her worldly wealth all flowing away. Bleeding away. This one issue is draining her life of everything. It would be foolish to say well its only one thing wrong with her. After all her heart is good, her bones are good, her lungs are good she can walk her legs are good. What is she complaining about, its just one thing. Yet the one thing was affecting her whole life.

As a believer you have found the Lord, but there may be just one thing wrong, just one sin. But although its only one sin it affects everything, it pulls you down, it makes your heart hard and cold, it separates you from God. You have no assurance of salvation, its haemorrhaging away.

That one problem could be an evil eye. An eye fixed upon the Love of money. It will destroy your spiritual life. Perhaps you had an evil eye before you were converted. How the devil loves to ensnare a Christian back to their pre-conversion sins. Or perhaps that one thing is an evil mouth, you have a very bad temper, you react very badly when you face provocation or irritation or difficulties. You not dealing with it, you just learning to live with it. But it cuts you off from God, Draining away your spiritual life. Don't say oh but its just one thing. What is your one thing Is it the TV. Well whatever it is the answer is, "When she heard about Jesus she came in the crowd and touched His garment." Go to Christ, Go and touch Him by faith. Lord you see this one besetting sin draining all my life

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from me. Lord look upon me, what I've done so wrong. Forgive me Lord, renew me Lord, strengthen me Lord.

Trust Him and mean it from the bottom of your heart, and you will hear these words, Son, daughter go in peace, your faith has saved you. Be healed of your plague. This is for Christians; we need to come to the Lord. Don't let any one thing be an exception to your sanctification. Confess all and turn from all, let the saviour deal with it.

The woman with the issue of blood said IF I MAY. You may, you are permitted, you are invited to COME, Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.