



THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Seeing Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God



Part 14

"The Personal Touch of the Messiah"

5-16-21

Introduction

Mark 4:35-5:43 records a series of incidents that occurred around the Sea of Galilee. Jesus has displayed His power and authority by calming the raging of the sea (4:35-41) and controlling demonic forces (5:1-20). Now, miraculous works in this area will come to a climax in two healing miracles (5:21-43), the second of which further compels the reader to decisively answer the question that the disciples had posed among themselves after he stilled the wind and waves (4:41).

Key Point: The healing miracles of Jesus demonstrate the personal nature of His ministry as He provides deliverance for those who experience both acute and prolonged _____.

The Healing Miracles – Mark 5:21-43

"Mark sandwiches one passage into the middle of another with an intentional and discernable theological purpose...[in order to] emphasize the major motifs of the Gospel...[and] the middle story nearly always provides the key to the theological purpose of the sandwich."

—James R. Edwards

The Encounter with Jairus (5:21-24a)

Mark 5:21-24a—²¹ And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. ²² Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³ and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴ And he went with him.

- The synagogue ruler was experiencing a time of acute suffering because of his daughter's severe illness.

Observations

1. Jairus seems to have been an important man within the community because both his _____ and _____ are given.
2. Jairus' actions and words demonstrate both the _____ of the situation and his _____ in Jesus.

Key Point: In contrast to the other religious leaders, Jairus _____ that Jesus had come from God and could therefore bring healing to his daughter!

The Encounter with the Woman (5:24b-34)

Mark 5:24b-29— And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. ²⁵ And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸ For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." ²⁹ And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

- The woman was experiencing a season of prolonged suffering because of her chronic bleeding.

⇒ Discharges such as this rendered a person ritually impure (Lev. 15:25-30). She would therefore have lived an isolated life, forbidden from attending the synagogue or any religious festivals. It would also have prevented marriage or, if she had been married, it would have required perpetual celibacy (Lev. 15:25), a legitimate reason that a husband could seek a divorce.

Observations

1. The woman had heard reports about Jesus and clearly believed that He possessed the _____ of God.
2. Because of her state of impurity, she seems to have believed that she was unworthy of either directly _____ or _____ Him.

Mark 5:27-29—³⁰ And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" ³¹ And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³² And he looked around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

Observations

1. The description of these events emphasizes that Jesus Himself is the _____ of the healing power that she experiences.
2. Jesus then _____ the encounter.
3. Her response evidenced both _____ and _____.
4. The Lord's response to her directly commended her _____ and indirectly assured her of her _____.

Key Point: That the Lord did not send her to the temple to complete her cleansing demonstrated that He possessed the _____ to declare the impure to be pure and the _____ to make it so!

The Raising of the Dead Girl (5:35-43)

Mark 5:18-20—³⁵ While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

- **The death of the girl served as a painful reminder that suffering is an evidence of human mortality.**

Observations

1. Jesus' words to Jairus sought to _____ him in the midst of his emotional numbness.
2. Jesus' words to the mourners seem to have a double meaning that serves almost the same purpose as His parables.
"The child is not dead but sleeping."

Mark 5:40b-43—^{40b} But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³ And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Observations

1. Both the personal _____ and powerful _____ of Jesus are highlighted.
2. His charges to those who witnessed the miracle served to perpetuate the _____ of His true identity and to assure them that the little girl had truly been raised from death.

Key Point: The raising of the girl showed that the Son of God had authority and power over _____ itself!

Seeing Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God

1. **Mark wants his audience to understand that the mercy of Messiah is for all people, for all are in need and all must place their faith in Him.**

"one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name"

"a woman"

2. **Mark wants his audience see that the Son of God is not defiled by our sin, but instead overcomes it by His own holiness.**

"[she] touched his garment"

"Taking her by the hand"

Concluding Thoughts

- **The Lord Jesus meets us in our _____ suffering and will deliver us.**

Rom. 8:35, 37—³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?...³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

- **The Lord Jesus meets us in our _____ suffering and will sustain us.**

2 Cor. 12:8-9—⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.