

The Gospel of Mark

Lesson 5

The Miracle on the Way to do a Miracle

Jesus had just healed the Gerasene demoniac, and now He returned to the west side of the Sea of Galilee, and was met by a crowd expecting more miracles. An important synagogue official begged Him to heal his daughter who was laying in his house and near death. As He made His way through the crowd to get to the man's house, a poor woman suffering from a hemorrhage came up to touch Jesus. According to Leviticus 15, the bleeding made her ceremonially unclean and an outcast. Now that all other hope was lost, she turned to Jesus for help.

Read Mark 5:21-43

1. Who came to ask Jesus for help when He was in the crowd down by the seashore (Mark 5:21-23)? What was his problem?
2. Was there great urgency in Jairus' request? Was there a type of roadblock delaying Jesus (5:24)?
3. Who else does the author zero in on that desperately needs Jesus (5:25-28)? What had happened to all her money (v. 26)?
4. Why did the woman feel like she had to sneak up on Him (Leviticus 15:25-27)?
5. Describe the uniqueness of the miracle in Mark 5:27-30? According to Jesus in Mark 5:34, what actually made her well?

6. What news did Jesus get from the house of Jairus in verse 35? What astounding comment did Jesus make to Jairus in verse 36?

7. Describe the scene at the house of Jairus in Mark 5:38-40. Why do you think the weeping and wailing turned into laughter?

8. Who were the witnesses of the miracle (Mark 5:37, 40)? What did Jesus say in verse 41, and what was the response?

9. Why do you think Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone in Mark 5:43?

10. When Jesus went home to Nazareth and taught in the synagogue, what was the response of the townspeople (Mark 6:1-6)?