

MARK 5:24b-34

The Woman with the Issue of Blood

Setting

Post storm

Post demonic man / legion

Post drowning pigs

Jesus & the disciples have just crossed the Sea of Galilee again, this time from (east to west) Gergesa to Capernaum



Parallel Passages (Matthew)

Matthew 9:20-22

20 And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, 21 for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I will be made well." 22 Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well.

Parallel Passages (Luke)

Luke 8:43-48

43 And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone. 44 She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. 45 And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!" 46 But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me." 47 And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. 48 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

Parallel Passages (Mark)

Mark 5:24b-34

24b 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. 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."

Mark 5:25

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- TWELVE: G1427: *dodeka*; two and ten; occurs 15 times in Mark
- What were you doing 12 years ago?
- Have you ever had chronic pain or medical condition?
 - How does chronic pain affect your design making?
 - Does “desperate for relief” sum it up?
- The woman had been sick the entire time Jairus’ daughter had been alive
 - Detail to give equal significance to Jairus’ daughter?
- The woman would have been considered ceremonially unclean
 - Leviticus 15:25-27, 31
 - Isaiah 64:6

Leviticus

15:25-27, 31

- ²⁵ “If a woman has a discharge of blood for many days, not at the time of her menstrual impurity, or if she has a discharge beyond the time of her impurity, all the days of the discharge she shall continue in uncleanness. As in the days of her impurity, she shall be unclean. ²⁶ Every bed on which she lies, all the days of her discharge, shall be to her as the bed of her impurity. And everything on which she sits shall be unclean, as in the uncleanness of her menstrual impurity. ²⁷ And whoever touches these things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening.
- ³¹ “Thus you shall keep the people of Israel separate from their uncleanness, lest they die in their uncleanness by defiling my tabernacle that is in their midst.”

Unclean

- According to Leviticus 15, her issue of blood makes her unclean. So besides suffering this messy, painful, weakening physical condition that all her money spent on doctors has not cured, she is 'unclean' as well. This means that her husband (and maybe children?) cannot eat food she has cooked, cannot sit on chairs upon which she has sat, cannot touch her even, without becoming 'unclean' themselves!
- Isaiah 64:6

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

Mark 5:26

26 and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse.

- SUFFERED: G3958: *pascho*; to experience a sensation or impression (usually painful);
 - Suffered greater pains
- SPENT: G1159: *dapanao*; to waste
 - All her money was gone
- WORSE: G5501: *cheiron*; more evil or aggravated (physically, mentally or morally)
 - No better but got worse
- The passage implies they took her money and deemed her incurable, unsavable.
- God never wastes a hurt, God can use our pain & suffering to draw us closer to Him

Mark 5:27-28

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."

- CROWD: G3793: *ochlos*; a throng, or riot
- MADE WELL: G4982; *sozo*; to save; also v23 (Jairus about his daughter), v28 (She believes it can happen), v34 (Jesus deems her to be)
- GARMENT, FRINGE: Old Testament references
 - Zechariah 8:23
 - Numbers 15:19-33, 37-41
 - Deuteronomy 22:12

Zechariah 8:23

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²³ This is what the LORD Almighty says: “In those days ten people from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, ‘Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you.’”

Old Testament (Tassels)

Numbers 15:37-39

³⁷ The LORD said to Moses, ³⁸ "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'Throughout the generations to come you are to make tassels on the corners of your garments, with a blue cord on each tassel. ³⁹ You will have these tassels to look at and so you will remember all the commands of the LORD, that you may obey them and not prostitute yourselves by chasing after the lusts of your own hearts and eyes.

Deuteronomy 22:12

¹² Make tassels on the four corners of the cloak you wear.

Tzitzit



- 5 knots represent the Torah, the first five books of the Bible containing the Law of Moses
- 4 sets of wrappings (between the knots) numerology represent the SHEMA (Deuteronomy 6:4)
 - Yahweh He is One (numerically = 39)
 - Between knot 1 & 2 = $7+8 = 15$ (Y+H)
 - Between knot 3 = $3+8 = 11$ (W+H)
 - Between knot 4 = 13 (Echad = One)

} 26 (YHWH)
tetragrammaton
- 613 commandments given in the Mosaic Law (Torah)
 - 8 threads + 5 knots + "Tzitzit" numerology (600) = 613
 - 365 Thou Shalt Nots (Prohibitions) + 248 Thou Shalts (Affirmations)
- *Tekhelet* – Single blue thread represent the "sapphire" tablets upon which God wrote the 10 Commandments

Tzitzit



- Tzitzit, hanging from the 4 corners of the robe
 - The rabbi was surrounded by the word/promise
- Represented the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-9) which is the great commandment (Matthew 22:36-40)
- SHEMA– along the road, He stopped to heal along the road to Jairus' daughter
- She reached for the tassel which represents the Word of God
- She reached for Jesus who is the Living Word of God
- Jesus was the physical manifestation of the SHEMA

Mark 5:29-30a

29 And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. 30a And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him

- IMMEDIATELY: G2112; *eutheos*; directly; Mark's favorite word
 - Instant pain relief
- DISEASE: G3148; *mastix*; a whip (the Roman flagellum for criminals)
- This is not an active action by Jesus, but passive
- His divinity and ability to heal is not dependent upon His action, it is simply who He is.
 - Jesus simply IS God.
 - He doesn't/didn't have to do anything to become God
 - Our suffering doesn't change who He is.
- Instead of Jesus becoming unclean per Leviticus 15, she became clean
- POWER: G1411; *dunamis*; force or miraculous power

Mark 5:30b-31

30b (Jesus) 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?’”

- IMMEDIATELY: G2112; *eutheos*; directly; same word used as when she is healed
- DISCIPLES: G3101; *mathetes*; a learner (looks like Mathlete Jim!); i.e., Peter
- PRESSING: G4918; *sunthlibo*; to compress or crowd on all sides (this is where we could have people stand close together but that is an awful feeling)

Mark 5:32-33

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.

- FELL DOWN: G4363; *prospipto*, (gently) prostrate oneself (in supplication or homage) or (violently) to rush upon (in storm)
 - Jesus and the disciples just came through a storm where the winds fell down on them
 - v6 demonic man and v22 Jairus fell down at Jesus' feet
- She thought she was going to slip away quietly
- She was caught and Jesus had a different plan!
- She told the truth (in the presence of all – Luke) at risk of penalty
 - If entered the temple 40 lashes or death by stoning

Mark 5:34

34 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

- DAUGHTER: G2364; *thugater*; a female child
 - On his way to heal Jairus' dying daughter, Jesus stops and cares for one of HIS daughters.
 - Creates a parallel for all to see and hear
- Sign of compassion to the woman
 - 12 year affliction would cause Jairus to be compassionate as well even in his urgency?
- FAITH: G4102; *pistis*; conviction (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher) or reliance upon Christ for salvation
- Faith has made you well: paralytic V2:5, blind man V10:52
- I bet a nickel Jesus was smiling

Mark 5:34

34 And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

- GO: G5217; *hupago*; withdraw or retire (as if sinking out of sight)
- IN: G1519; *eis*; to or into (indicating the point reached or entered)
- PEACE: G1515; *eirene*; peace

Application / Personalization

- We have all become like one who is unclean, but Jesus is the great healer
- God uses our pain & suffering to draw us closer to Him
- Jesus is the Living Word of God
- Listen to the Shema

