

A Woman is Healed

Luke 8:41 And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, **:42** for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him.

Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, was especially anxious to see Him because he had a **twelve** year old **daughter** who **was dying**. He urgently **begged** Jesus to go with him quickly. But **the multitudes thronged Him**, hindering His progress.

Luke 8:43 Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any,

In the crowd was a timid, yet desperate **woman**, who had been afflicted with **a flow of blood for twelve years**. 12

Luke the physician admits that she had **spent all her** life-savings and her income **on physicians** without getting any help. (Mark adds the unprofessional touch that she actually got worse!)²²

Luke 8:44 came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.

Numbers 15:38 "Speak to the children of Israel: Tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a blue thread in the tassels of the corners.

Luke 8:45 And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' "

Luke 8:46 But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me."

But Jesus recognized a touch that was different. As someone has said, "The flesh throngs, but faith touches." 13

He knew that faith had **touched** Him, because He sensed an outflow of **power**—the power to heal the woman. 23

He **perceived** that **power** had gone forth **from** Him. Not, of course, that He was any less powerful than He had been before, but simply that it *cost* Him something to heal. There was expenditure.³³

Luke 8:47 Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

Luke 8:48 And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

Her public confession was rewarded with a public commendation of her **faith** by Jesus, and a public pronouncement of His **peace** upon her.¹³

No one ever touches Jesus by faith without His knowing it, and without receiving a blessing.²³

No one ever confesses Him openly without being strengthened in assurance of salvation.³³

Jairus's Daughter is Raised

Luke 8:49 While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."

The healing of the woman with the issue of blood probably did not delay Jesus very long, but it was long enough for a messenger to arrive with the news that Jairus' **daughter** was **dead**, and that therefore the Teacher's services would no longer be needed. 12

There was faith that He could heal, but none that He could raise the dead.²²

Luke 8:50 But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, “Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.”

Jesus, however, would not be dismissed so easily. He **answered** with words of comfort, encouragement, and promise. “**Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.**”

Luke 8:51 When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl.

Jesus took only the parents and Peter, James, and John into the house. He preserved the sanctity of the home by not parading twelve men into this private place.

Luke 8:52 Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, “Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.” :53 And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. 3

The little girl was really dead, but the death of a believer’s body may outwardly be likened to sleep, which it resembles (cf. Jn 11:11–14; 1 Cor 11:30; 1 Thess 4:13–14). 13

The Bible teaches no such doctrine as “soul sleep” as do some. At death, an individual’s soul is either consciously (1) with the Lord (2 Cor 5:8; Phil 1:21–23), 23

or (2) in torment in hades awaiting the final resurrection to death (Lk 16:23).33

Luke 8:54 But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, “Little girl, arise.”

Luke 8:55 Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. **What are your thoughts on the spirit returning?**

Luke 8:56 And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

After restoring her to her parents, Jesus told them not to publicize the miracle. He was not interested in notoriety, in fickle public enthusiasm, in idle curiosity.12

Thus ends the second year of Jesus’ public ministry. Chapter 9 opens the third year with the sending forth of the twelve.22

The Son of Man Sends Forth His Disciples (9:1–11)

Luke 9:1 Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. 2

Christ granted His twelve disciples power and prerogatives over demons and sickness. 12

The purpose of this was to place a divine seal of approval upon their message as well as to meet the needs of people.22

Luke 9:2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Luke 9:3 And He said to them, “Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. :4 “Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. :5 And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them.”

Now the disciples would have an opportunity to practice the principles which the Lord had taught them.

They were to trust Him for the supply of their material needs—no **bag**, food, or **money**.

They were to live very simply—no extra staff or extra tunic.

They were to **stay** in the first **house** where they were made welcome—no moving around in hopes of obtaining more comfortable lodging.