

Jairus' Daughter is Raised and the Woman with the Flow of Blood

Mark 5:22-43

Main Themes:

1. The object of faith is Christ and His Word alone.
2. Jesus allowed Himself to be touched by the uncleanness of sinners in order to give us new life.
3. According to the Lord's Promise, earthly elements become instruments of His forgiving grace.

Questions:

1. What does a ruler of a synagogue do? He supervises the reading of Holy Scripture and the rabbi's who preach and teach the Word of God.
2. How does the synagogue ruler show his faith in Jesus? He fell at Jesus' feet praying for Him to lay His hands on his daughter who was at the point of death that she might live.
3. What happened after Jesus went with Jairus? A great multitude thronged Him. A woman who had been bleeding for 12 years and who had found no relief from physicians but only was getting worse, secretly touched His garment.
4. What happened to the woman when she touched His clothes? She stopped bleeding was healed of her affliction.
5. How did Jesus respond to the realization that power had gone out from Him to heal this woman? He asked, "Who touched my clothes?"
6. What does Jesus' question teach us about His state of humiliation? He only knew and did what God the Father had given Him to know and do.
7. What do we learn from the fact that Christ's healing power went out from Him through His clothing? Physical means—like water, bread, and wine—are often used by God as instruments of His life and grace. In the Sacraments, Christ attaches His promises of the Holy Spirit, forgiveness, life, and salvation to earthly elements.
8. How did the disciples react to Jesus' question? With such a large crowd around Him, they wondered why He wanted to know who touched Him.
9. How did the woman respond to Jesus's question? She was afraid and confessed the truth about why she had touched Him.
10. What did Jesus say to the woman? He called her "daughter," forgiving her all her sins, saying, "Your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed of your affliction."
11. Who did this woman believe in? Her faith was in Jesus, whom she believed was her Lord and Savior.
12. What happened while Jesus was speaking to the woman who was healed? Some of the rulers of the synagogue's house came and reported that Jairus' daughter had died and that he should not trouble Jesus, the teacher anymore."
13. How did Jesus respond to the news? He told the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid, only believe."
14. What was Jairus to believe? He was to trust in Jesus and believe in His Word of forgiveness, life, and salvation.
15. Who were the only disciples that Jesus permitted to go with Him to Jairus' house? Peter, James, and John
16. What did Jesus mean by telling the weeping crowd that the little girl was not dead, but asleep? The Christian is not to fear death, because He has conquered death. For the Christian, death is like sleep as the body rests in the grave to await the resurrection on the last day.
17. How did the unbelieving crowd react to Jesus' words? They laughed at Him.
18. What do we learn from Jesus taking the little girl's mother and father with Him in her room? His victory over death and the grave means that we will have a blessed reunion with those we love who have died in the faith.
19. How did Jesus raise the girl to life? He took her by the hand, saying, "Talitha, cumi," which means, "little girl, arise." And the 12 year old girl arose and began to walk. He then demonstrated ongoing care for her body by commanding that she be given something to eat.

20. Why did Jesus command them not to tell anyone? The disciples were not yet ready to begin preaching about Jesus. Throughout his ministry he preaching was more important than His miracles because His miracles were the result and blessing that came from His Word.

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, give us the faith of Jairus, so that only believe Your Word when we face the enemies of sin and death. Though we are unworthy sinners, help us to seek your help with boldness and confidence. As you touched the woman with the blow of blood and raised Jairus' daughter from the dead so touch us with Holy Word and Sacraments so that we might know the comfort and certainty of the resurrection to new life; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.