

## Matthew 9 pt 4 She just touched Jesus garment

*In our last lesson, we saw the Old covenant is not to be mixed with the New covenant. Jesus gave examples using patches and wine skins. We saw the evil of the Jewish religious leadership who condemned all who did not live to their standard of righteousness. The common man rejoiced in the healing ministry of Jesus. The religious leaders feared the healing ministry of Jesus and His claim to have authority to forgive sin. They couldn't deny he performed miracles, but proclaimed the power came from Satan and not God.*

**18 While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. 19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.**

*While Jesus was speaking about patches and wine skins a certain ruler comes to Him. Matthew doesn't usually give details, like Mark and Luke. Matthew's focus is Jesus is KING. Jesus is told about a dead girl and after pausing to heal a woman, goes to the girl and raises her from death. Luke gives more detail. 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.*

*Luke gives details, to let you know who the people were and how desperate they were. We know Jairus was a leader of a synagogue. This meant he was well versed in old testament scripture and would have been known as a Rabi, or teacher of God's word. In order to attain this position, he would have held the same views as the scribes and Pharisees. If his teachings were not the same, he would have never been elevated to the position of leader of a synagogue. His method of teaching met his needs until one day his daughter became seriously ill and he became desperate.*

*He had heard about the healing ministry of the man Jesus. Everyone, even the Jewish leadership were talking about Jesus. They would have loved to discredit Jesus, but no one could deny Jesus had performed miraculous healings. People the religious leaders knew were blind or lame or lepers for many years had been cured. They knew the power of Jesus was real, but they could only describe His*

*power as coming from Satan. If Jesus power came from God, He would have taught the same things they taught.*

*Jairus knew there was a chance, if he went to Jesus, he could lose his position at the synagogue. He knew the religious leaders had not only rejected Jesus but had marked as unworthy anyone who would trust in Jesus. Jairus had to decide. Would he believe the teachings of Jesus or the teachings of the Pharisees? Would Jairus believe Jesus to be the Messiah?*

*I can imagine what Jairus felt. Not long ago, my youngest girl almost died. She was taken to an emergency room, but they couldn't help her. They sent her to a second emergency room, who stabilized her, but couldn't treat her. She then was sent to a better prepared and equipped big city emergency room and they also could not treat her. She was then sent to a hospital that specialized in treating children. My wife and I sat in the waiting room, with our family, for what seemed like forever. We waited for word of my girl's condition. The longer we waited the more concerned we were. What was taking so long? Why hadn't the doctor come out and told us it was going to be alright.*

*Finally a group of doctors came to meet with us. I could see by their expression and mannerisms the news was not good. They told us how they had tried everything they could, but she wasn't responding to any of the treatments. Her body was shutting down. I remember one doctor spoke up and said there was one more thing he could try. He said it was risky and there was a chance she wouldn't survive the treatment, but it was the only thing left to do. I told him to do it.*

*Our family had left the area, to take a break, and it was only my wife and I in the waiting room. We were crying and praying for God's help. I remember asking God to spare my little girl and to take me instead. She had her whole life ahead of her and I was concerned for her soul. She knew the gospel; she had heard me teach it, but I wasn't sure she knew the Lord and it terrified me. We asked God to give the doctors wisdom and waited. It was in God's hands. I remember there was a peace that was beyond understanding. I was at peace that whatever happened, God was in control. As we waited, our family returned. We updated them on what was happening, and we all waited. The doctors returned and told us the worst was over, she was stabilized and was improving. I felt like she had returned from the dead.*

*I know how Jairus felt. Jairus was the leader of a synagogue, he could afford the best doctors, but they gave him no hope. He came to a point where he stepped out by faith and chose to believe Jesus. Jesus had claimed He could forgive sin and Jairus believed Him. Jairus goes to Jesus, kneels before Him and begs Jesus to heal his only daughter. Jairus comes to Jesus by faith and he doesn't care what the religious leaders think. Jairus is thrilled when Jesus stood and told him to lead the way.*

*As Jesus is traveling with Jairus, he stops and deals with the need of a desperate woman.*

**20 And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: 21 For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. 22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.**

*This same historical story is told in the book of Luke.*

*Luke 8 (KJV) 43 And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any,*

*44 Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanchèd.*

*45 And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?*

*46 And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.*

*47 And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.*

*48 And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.*

*Here we meet a woman who has had a problem with an issue of blood for twelve years. This is talking about menstrual blood. The woman has been on her period for twelve years. She not only is weak and feeble, due to loss of blood, but is considered unclean according to the Mosaic law. For twelve years she has not been able to enter the temple. For twelve years she has not been able to touch anyone or have them touch her. If a person were to touch her, during her bleeding, they would be unclean until cleansed under the law. Since she hadn't been touched, by a man, in twelve years, she probably was divorced and was destitute. According to Luke, she had spent any funds she had on doctors, who never helped her.*

*She had heard of the miracles Jesus performed and possibly had seen some healings. After all, Jesus didn't heal just a few persons He had healed multitudes. For the first time in years, she had hope. She probably figured Jesus wouldn't touch her, because she was unclean. If she could just sneak up in the crowd and just touch His garment, she believed she would be healed. She drew near Him, concealed in a crowd of people. She reached out and just lightly touched His garment and felt power flow through her body. She knew something had happened; she could feel a change in her body she hadn't felt in twelve years.*

*Now if she could just turn about and sneak away, no one would know. In Luke, it says Jesus turned and asked who touched Him? Did Jesus not know who touched Him? Of course He knew. Jesus was giving the woman a chance to come forward by faith and declare her faith in Him. Before she could move, Jesus turned and saw her. As He fixes His eyes on hers, I believe He smiled and called her Daughter, a term of endearment. He told her to be of good courage, nothing to fear. He told her that it was her faith in Him that healed her. She was completely healed, probably felt better than she ever had. Her prayers had been answered.*

*I've always wondered what Jairus was doing. I'm sure he was very concerned; his daughter was on her death bed and could die at any moment.*

**23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, 24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. 25 But when the people**

**were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. 26  
And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.**

*LUKE 8:49 While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagoge's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master.*

*50 But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.*

*51 And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden.*

*52 And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth.*

*53 And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead.*

*54 And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise.*

*55 And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.*

*56 And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done.*

*Jesus continues with Jairus and enters his home. It was common, in that day, to hire minstrels and people making noise. The word translated minstrels means a flute player. The people making noise were hired mourners. Most didn't even know the child. Why did Jairus hire flute players and mourners? It was tradition, they had always done it that way. Even if a person was poor, they would try to have at least one flute player. Jairus was a leader of a synagoge and could afford several.*

*Jesus said the young girl is not dead but is sleeping. The hired mourners laughed at Him as though He didn't know what He was talking about. Jesus doesn't look at death the way people look at death. We consider death as no longer taking a breath. We look at death as the spirit leaving the body. Jesus looks at the body as an old corrupted vessel, for the spirit to temporarily live in. It is not meant to last for eternity, even though the spirit is going to last for eternity. Jesus sees death as*

*something eternal. True death is when a person is called in the second resurrection, to stand before the judgement seat of Christ. True final death is when that person's name is not found in the Lamb's book of Life and they are cast into hell for eternity.*

*You today, who are reading this, do you know if your name is written in the Lamb's book of Life. If it's not, then God is working on you. I know this, because you are seeking Him, or you wouldn't be reading this lesson. All you need do is realize you are a sinner and deserve judgement. You are guilty of sinning against God. Confess to God you are a sinner. Don't just confess it but turn away from your sins, stop it. Ask God to accept Jesus shed blood on the cross of Calvary as payment for all your sins. Believe Jesus was judged, in your place, and shed his pure blood. The penalty was paid in full for your sins. I know this because death couldn't hold Jesus in the grave. Jesus arose bodily from the grave and left an empty tomb. Don't hesitate, if Jesus is working on you, take a step of faith and accept Him today.*

*Once you have accepted the free gift of salvation, you are not finished, you are just starting in your new walk. You need to find a good bible teaching church where you can fellowship with other sinners who were saved by faith. You should be baptized for a clear conscious and to proclaim your faith. You need to read your bible and learn about God. Listening to sermons at church, on TV or on the radio is fine, but it will never replace you prayerfully studying your bible yourself. Test what each preacher or teacher says, against what you've learned studying your bible. You should know why you believe what you believe. When you are comfortable a church is teaching what the bible says, you should become part of that church and be disciplined. It's not a denominational name of a church that makes it correct, it's if the teaching conforms to God's written word. There are good and bad teaching churches in almost all denominations. Pray and ask God to lead you to a good one.*