



DIGGING DEEPER

Mark 5v21-34 – If I just touch his clothes

PLEASE READ – Mark 5v21-43

GETTING STARTED

Chat about the repeated pattern that we find in these 4 stories (4v35 – 5v43) and note anything that is distinctive about the healing of the woman...

Why do we need to be careful when we talk about the authority of Jesus over sickness?

1) A HELPLESS SITUATION (V21-26)

Talk about the situation of Jairus and the situation of the sick woman. What's similar? What's different?

What prompts the woman to reach out to Jesus? (2 things!) Why did she touch his clothes? Why not just speak to him?

2) AN INTERVENTION BY JESUS (AND THE NECESSITY OF FAITH) (V27-34)

Why is it important to know that what happens in v29 is descriptive rather than prescriptive)

What is Mark's main concern here? (Remember the question back in chapter 4v41)

Why after the healing does Jesus take extra time to draw the woman forward and speak to her? (especially significant when there's a little girl who is dying!)

How does this woman's faith encourage you / challenge you?

3) A PERFECT RESOLUTION (V29 / V34)

What is this miracle a signpost to? (See Mk 1v15)

Why is significant that Jesus brings faith and peace together in v34? How do those 2 realities come together at the cross?

Talk about that '**chaos to calm**' transition and how Jesus has transformed your life...

Meditate on the words of Jesus below...

Ephesians 2v4-9: But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved... through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.