

## **Peters Green News Sheet Issue No: 69**

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Mark 5:21-43

In the passage this week we find two people who are desperate for help and how they have great faith that Jesus can help them.

V25-34 Woman with the issue of blood V35-43 Jarius

We do not know much about this woman. We have not been given a name. What we do know is that before she met Jesus, before she touched his cloak she was an outcast because of a condition which had lasted for 12 years that had caused her to bleed. Because of this bleeding she would have been ceremonially unclean, and so isolated. She had been treated by many doctors and had spent all her money trying to find a cure. Nothing had worked. Her condition was getting worse and she was running out of options. She hoped that this man who had healed so many others could heal her. She had faith that she could be healed by touching the clothing of Jesus. When she touched his cloak, she was healed.

Jarius was the leader of the synagogue. He was a man of importance. His daughter was sick. To have her better, he would do anything. He approached Jesus and asked him for his help. By the time that Jesus was heading in the direction of Jarius' house, a messenger came and said that his daughter was dead, do not trouble the Master any further. Jesus hears these words, and told Jarius to not be afraid, and only believe. All hope was lost but he had faith in Jesus. He believed that even at this time Jesus could make his little girl well. When Jesus arrived at his house he went inside and told the girl to get up. And she did.

These two people could not have been more different. One was rich and one poor. One was a leader and important man in the synagogue. The other someone who couldn't enter the synagogue. Both were looking for healing.

You may may be able to identify strongly with one of these two people or you may find that you are somewhere in between. Reach out to Jesus who can give you all that you need. Have faith in him. He will do what he has promised.

In both stories we see a desperate need. We see people willing to do what it takes for the healing to occur. We see two people who have faith that Jesus can do the impossible and he never disappoints.

Ian Benjamin

At even, ere the sun was set, The sick, O Lord, around Thee lay; O, with how many pains they met! O, with what joy they went away!

Once more 'tis eventide, and we, Oppressed with various ills, draw near; What if Thyself we cannot see? We know that Thou art ever near.

Thy touch has still its ancient power. No word from Thee can fruitless fall; Hear, in this solemn evening hour, And in Thy mercy heal us all.







