

Luke Chapter 8 Second Continued

Luke 8:40 "And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people [gladly] received him: for they were all waiting for him."

This is probably the same crowd that He had left when He went across the sea. I am sure the news had already beaten them back also, about the demoniac man being freed.

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 besought him that he would come into his house:"

“A ruler of the synagogue”: An eminent layman, whose responsibilities included conducting meetings, caring for the building and supervising the teaching in the synagogue (Matt. 9:18, Mark 5:38).

Jesus had once cast out a demon out of a man in Jairus' synagogue (4:33-37).

Luke 8:42 "For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him."

Luke puts in some very touching details about this young girl. She is an only daughter. Her father obviously loves her very much. Jairus is probably an orthodox Jew and probably a very well to do man. Being a ruler of the synagogue would carry distinction with it.

He (Jairus), has heard of the miracles Jesus had done, and he believes. Jairus humbles himself by falling at Jesus' feet. This daughter was at the point of changing from a little girl to a teenager. She was near death. But the people crowded Jesus so as to make it difficult to go.

Luke 8:43-44 "And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any," "Came behind [him], and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanchd."

“Came behind him and touched”: Because of her affliction, she would normally render anyone she touched unclean. The effect here was precisely the opposite.

We see here, a desperate woman, sick for 12 years. She had spent all of her money going to doctors who could not heal her. This type of illness would have kept her from going to the temple. It was really by Mosaic Law illegal for her to touch any holy thing.

This woman's faith in reaching out and touching Jesus' garment was greater than her fear of being punished. Her faith, when she touched the hem of Jesus' garment, stopped the blood instantly. Her faith in Jesus Christ healed her.

Luke 8:45 "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?"

Peter does not realize the touch of faith had flowed healing virtues from Jesus to her. They had thronged Jesus. She had touched Jesus. This was a deliberate touch of faith.

Luke 8:46 "And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me."

This touch was not just an ordinary touch. This woman believed in her heart if she could touch even the hem of His garment, she would be healed. Her great faith caused the goodness (virtue), of God to flow out to her and heal her.

Jesus knew, because He felt the flow of goodness from Him to her.

Luke 8:47 "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."

What she had done was really against the law, and she could be severely punished for touching this Holy man while she had this issue of blood. You can read about this (in Leviticus 12).

She was afraid. But nothing could be worse than the state she had been in for 12 years. She humbled herself before Jesus (fell down before Him). After begging His mercy, she tells what happened.

Luke 8:48 "And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace."

The name "daughter" shows immediately that He claims her for His own. Then He brings good news to her, Jesus is the King of peace. He always brings peace to those who have faith in Him.

Luke 8:49 "While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's [house], saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master."

This "Him" is the ruler. They bring bad news that his daughter is dead. They believe there is no reason to tell Jesus since she is already dead.

Luke 8:50 "But when Jesus heard [it], he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole."

“Believe only”: Though not all Jesus’ healings required faith (22:51), at times He required it.

Jesus quickly reassures this parent that his daughter will live. One of the greatest messages Jesus brought him and us is: "Fear not, have faith".

Luke 8:51 "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."

For this type of miracle to take place, you do not need doubters present. Peter, James, and John were always the 3 disciples Jesus had closest to Him. Peter would later relate this scene to Luke.

Luke 8:52 "And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth."

In those days, there were paid mourners. They were already there crying for her. Jesus says, "Stop this mourning; she is not dead, but asleep".

Luke 8:53 "And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead."

She had been pronounced dead by the attending physicians. Who is this man (they think), to argue with the physician?

Luke 8:54 "And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise."

Jesus spoke in the little girl's language and said, "Maid, arise". Just one touch of the Savior's hand brings new life to this little girl. We have life because of the breath of life He breathed into us from the beginning. This is a brand new life she has received from her Savior.

Luke 8:55 "And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat."

We see again here, that the life is in the spirit. While the spirit was out of this little girl, she had no life. When her spirit re-entered her body, she was alive again. The life is in the spirit. This food that Jesus ordered them to give her was meat of an animal. Something that would give her strength.

We can learn a lesson in this sentence about the meat. Just as God told Peter, kill and eat, we must eat what God has provided for food for us. We must get off of this worship of animals.

The Lord provided them to feed mankind. We are supposed to eat meat. Read (1 Timothy 4:1-5). The meat is called creature. It is not just food, it is animal flesh.

Luke 8:56 "And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done."

"Tell no man": Publicity over such miracles might hinder Christ's mission and divert public attention from His message. Mark records that this is precisely what happened. In this man's exuberance over the miracle, he disobeyed; as a result, Christ had to move His ministry away from the city and into the desert regions (Mark 1:45).

At this point, there were so many people following Jesus that they thronged Him wherever He went. If it got out that He raised this girl from the dead, it would get even worse. You can imagine the joy, surprise, and admiration these parents have for Jesus. It would be difficult not to tell.

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1. When Jesus got back from across the sea, who was waiting?
2. What was the name of the ruler of the synagogue who came to Jesus to heal his daughter?
3. What did he do when he saw Jesus?
4. How old was his daughter?
5. Why did Jesus not go to her immediately?
6. What belief is Jairus of, probably?
7. How long had the woman had the issue of blood?
8. Who had she gone to for help and gotten none?
9. What did she do as an act of faith?
10. What healed her?
11. What did Jesus say that His disciples were surprised at?
12. What had Jesus felt go out of Him to her?
13. When the woman realized she was not hid, what did she do?
14. How do we know she humbled herself before Jesus?
15. When Jesus called her daughter, what does that show us?
16. What message was brought Jairus about his daughter?
17. When Jesus heard them, what did He say to this father?
18. Which 3 disciples went in with Jesus and the parents?

19. In verse 52, what did Jesus say to the mourners?
20. They laughed Him to _____.
21. After putting all the doubters out, what did Jesus do and say to the little girl?
22. What returned to her which gave her life?
23. What did Jesus tell her parents to do?
24. What do we learn about meat in I Timothy 4:1-5?
25. What did Jesus tell the parents not to do?