

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Mark

LESSON 19

**A WOMAN TOUCHES
JESUS' CLOTHES**

MARK 5:25-34

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Younger Verse

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer. Matthew 21:22

Older Verse

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Lesson Goals

Understand that the woman had faith in Jesus to heal her
Learn that Jesus wants us to speak out about our faith in Him
Learn that we need to help people, even when it isn't convenient

Opener

How long do people stay sick? A day, a week, one year? Sometimes people have sicknesses that last for much of their life. Today we will learn about a woman who had been sick for a long time. Let's listen to find out what she does.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Last week, we learned about Jesus healing Jairus' little girl. Jesus reminded Jairus not to be afraid, but to *believe* that his little girl would be okay. And Jesus was right—He raised the girl back to life after she had died!

When Jesus was going with Jairus to his house, a large crowd of people followed behind Him. One of the people in the crowd was a very sick woman. She had been sick for 12 years! She had spent all of her money going to doctors. But she was still sick. Because of her illness, she would have been a social "outcast." This means that no one wanted to be around her. She couldn't even go to the Temple to worship God. She must have felt sad, alone, and discouraged.

Jesus was walking through the crowd with Jairus when the woman saw Him. She had heard about Jesus and the amazing miracles He had done, like healing people. She had to be so excited to see Jesus! She thought to herself, "If I can just touch His clothes, I will be healed." She reached out and touched the back of Jesus' coat.

Immediately, the woman felt better! She knew Jesus had healed her. Jesus knew that something had happened, too. He had felt power go out of Him. He turned around and spoke to the crowd of people. "Who touched my robe?" Jesus asked. His disciples looked around at all the people and said, "Jesus, you see that there are many people around you. Why do you ask who touched you?"

Jesus ignored what they said, and He continued to look into the crowd. The woman fell down at Jesus' feet, trembling with fear. She told Him the whole story about her sickness. Jesus listened to everything she said. Then He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has

healed you. Go in peace and be freed from all your suffering.” She believed in her heart that touching Jesus would make her well, and it did.

Since Jesus was the Son of God, He already knew the woman and who it was that had touched His clothes. So why did He ask who it was? Jesus knows it is important for people to speak about their faith to those around them. He wanted the woman to have a chance to show her faith.

Jesus cared very much for this lady. Remember, He was on His way to help someone else, but He made sure to show that He cared for her, too. Here we see an example of how Jesus wants *us* to treat people. Jesus could have gotten upset or angry at the lady for bothering Him, but He did not. He knew that she was just as important as Jairus and his daughter.

Jesus wants us to speak out about our faith, like the woman. The Bible says that if we say with our mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in our heart that God raised Him from the dead, we will be saved (Romans 10:9). We can’t keep our faith quiet. We must tell others what we believe. If you need to know how to invite Christ into your life, talk to me about it. Jesus wants to be in your life, if you will let Him in.

Review Questions

1. Why did the woman touch Jesus’ clothes? (She wanted to be healed.)
2. Why did Jesus stop and ask who had touched His clothes? (He felt power go out from Him; He gave the woman the chance to show her faith.)
3. Did Jesus get upset that the woman had interrupted Him? (No)

Prayer Time

Thank God that He cares for all of our needs. Pray that we will have faith like the sick woman to come to Jesus and trust Him to help us.

Life Application

The sick woman had tried everything to get better. But nothing worked. Then, she found out about the real healer—Jesus. Maybe you have tried many things to find meaning and peace in your life. The only One who can give you lasting peace is Jesus.

What if someone asked you what you believe about Jesus? Would you be too embarrassed or afraid to speak up? Would it depend on who was listening? Even though the woman was rejected by those around her, she found the strength to go to Jesus. And she found the courage to speak to Him and tell of her faith. We can learn a lot from this woman.

Planning for Lesson 20
Jesus Sends Out His Disciples
Mark 6:6-13

Preschool Lesson
for
A Woman Touches Jesus' Clothes

(Bring a long robe to be used during the story.)

Hi, boys and girls! Is everyone feeling well today? Do you know anyone who is sick? It is no fun to be sick. You can't run and play with your friends. You have to stay in bed and rest. Can you imagine being sick all the time?

Jesus was on His way to Jairus' house to heal his daughter. A lot of people were around Jesus. They wanted to see Him because they had heard about the amazing things He could do. One woman was *really* excited when she saw Jesus. She had been sick for 12 years! That is a long time. She had gone to lots of doctors, but none of them could make her better. But she knew that Jesus could make her well!

The woman thought to herself, "If I can just touch His clothes, I will be healed." She reached out and touched the back of Jesus' coat. *(Put on the robe and have children reach down and touch the end of robe.)*

Immediately, the woman felt better! She knew Jesus had healed her. Jesus knew that something had happened, too. He had felt power go out of Him. He turned around and spoke to the crowd of people. He asked, "Who touched my robe?"

The woman came and knelt at Jesus' feet. She told Him the whole story about her sickness. Jesus listened to everything she said. Then He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

Jesus already knew who had touched His robe, but He wanted the woman to speak to Him and let others know, too. It is important for us to talk to others about Jesus. We can tell them about how much Jesus loves them.

We can talk to Jesus about our needs. When we feel lonely or scared, we can ask Him to help us. He really does care about us and wants to help us.

Thank God that He cares for all of our needs. Pray that we will have the faith like the sick woman to come to Jesus and trust Him to help us.

Hands-on Activities for A Woman Touches Jesus' Clothes

Have the children make “Thank You” notes to God for all the times that He has healed them of a sickness. Encourage them to give thanks whenever they feel better after being sick.

Bring a coat that has many pockets. Cut out the verse into parts and insert them in the different pockets. Let the children take turns wearing the coat searching for all the parts to piece the verse together.

Bring a long robe. Choose a volunteer to put on the robe and be blindfolded. Then have another student touch the edge of the robe. Allow the child to guess which student touched the robe. Tell students that unlike us, Jesus did not have to guess who touched Him. He already knew the lady and what she needed.

To remind the kids of the woman who touched Jesus, make a “touch bag.” Fill a large paper sack with things of different textures like cotton balls, an orange, a golf ball, a balloon, a sponge, a small candle, etc. Let the kids try to identify the objects without looking into the bag.

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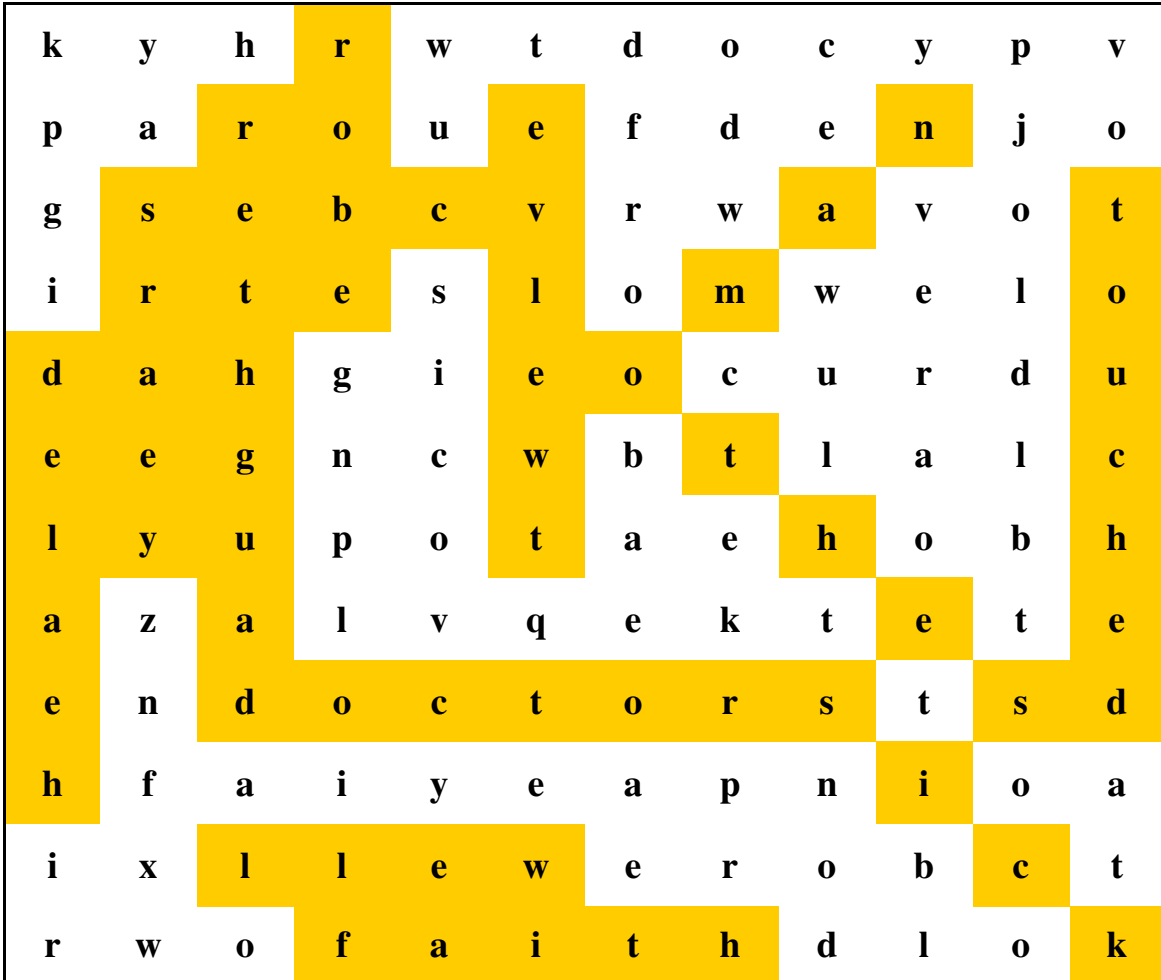
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_____ years.

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Jesus said she had

FAITH