

Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter & Heals the Woman with the Issue of Blood Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56

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General Facts Concerning this Event:

1. Matthew’s narrative gives an abbreviated account. 1) Jairus’ name is not given. 2) The daughter is said to be already dead when Jairus came to Jesus 3) Doesn’t mention anything about doctors in the woman with issue of blood event 4) Jesus gives no instruction to not tell of the girls raising. Matthew – 9 verses; Mark – 22 verses; Luke – 16 verses
2. Two healing incidents develop simultaneously. As we study Jesus and understand the great number of healings He did daily, and the multitudes that sought His help, we can be sure, that this scenario happened many, many times!
3. Two contrasting individuals. As we take a deeper look at these passages, the love and mercy of Jesus is highlighted. Jesus, God in the flesh, holds no prejudice or regards no one above another. All people are equal in His eyes and worthy of compassion.

Jairus – Named Religious Leader - VIP (it is believed that Jairus is named because he might have been known among readers of the Gospels), highly respected in the community, wealthy, educated, faith to come openly, asked for Jesus to come to his home and touch his 12-year-old daughter, desperate and almost hopeless – point of death

Woman – Unnamed, religiously and socially unclean – restricted worship and interaction, private incurably diseased for 12 years, bankrupt, desperate and hopeless – tried doctors, slow death, faith to come privately, only desired to just touch Christ’s garment

4. The two eventually fell at Jesus’ feet. A place of hope, healing, and peace
5. The two had their faith rewarded.

Jairus – defied his peers to come to Christ and Jesus raised his daughter from the dead

Woman – defied social/religious laws to come to Christ – large crowd – Jesus healed her

I. Setting

“And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, (“when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him.” Luke 8:40) much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea.” Mark 5:21 About seven miles away, on the other side of the Sea of Galilee, the people couldn’t get rid of Jesus quickly enough! But here on the shore near Capernaum, the eager crowd was waiting for Him to return. Luke tells us “the people gladly received him!” But realize, in this

multitude were two desperate people who were needing a miracle only Jesus could perform: a sickly, unknown woman, and a local religious VIP.

II. Faith to Come to Jesus

1. Jairus – Ruler of the Synagogue

“And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet (“and worshipped him” Matthew 9:18), ²³And besought him greatly (“that he would come into his house: ⁴²for he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age” Luke 8:41-42), saying, My little daughter (Gk - words of endearment) lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. ²⁴And Jesus (“arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.” Matthew 9:19) went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.” Mark 5:22-24

Jairus’ Position - Jairus is described as a **ruler of the synagogue**. This would have been a position of prestige and importance in the community, both socially and religiously. At the time of Christ, a layman was elected to oversee the local synagogue. He would plan the synagogue services, care for the building, direct the weekday school held at the synagogue, and schedule Rabbis to speak. Most feel he would have had close ties with the local Pharisees and would be a man of wealth. It is almost certain, that Jairus had known and interacted with Jesus before. In Matthew 12:9-12, a man with a withered hand is healed in a synagogue, most scholars believe this would have been Jairus’s synagogue. Luke 7:1-10 tells of the healing of the centurion’s servant in Capernaum. In this incident, “elders of the Jews” came to Christ to advocate for this Roman soldier. They told Christ he was a friend of the Jews and had even “built us a synagogue.” Many commentaries feel it is likely Jairus was part of this group that came to Jesus. We even see similarities in the requests: they both came to Jesus and in both stories, they wanted Jesus to come to the house.

Jairus’ Faith – The passage tells us the girl was breathing her last. But **Jairus knew Jesus could heal!** When he saw Jesus arrive back at the shore, He went immediately and threw himself down at Christ’s feet and “worshipped” Him. Verse 23 tells us Jairus “besought him greatly,” in Greek, the tenses stress the repetitive request. Over and over, he begged Jesus to come, touch his daughter, and then he said, “that she **may be healed**; and she **shall live**.” I love this phrase, what words of faith! This open confession of Christ’s powers would not have been popular with Jairus’ peers. But by the time of this event, the Religious Leaders have started to be very outspoken against Jesus and His powers. While the people are whispering that perhaps Jesus was the Messiah, the religionists are working very hard to counter that dialogue by saying Jesus was doing His work by the power of the devil! The pressure would have been against Jairus for having such an open trust in Jesus’ abilities. But the life of his only child, a twelve-year-old daughter, was on the line.

Jairus’ Obstacle – **Time was the issue now**. I have thought of what a sacrifice it was for Jairus to leave the bedside of his little girl. What if she woke when he wasn’t there? I thought of his wife, she must have hated to see him leave the house – yet, they realized the desperate situation they were in! He had to try and bring back Jesus of Nazareth, the miracle worker! But the obstacle became the crowd! Jairus had Jesus, but the multitude were so great! Mark and Luke both use the word “thronged” to describe the great multitude surrounding Jesus. This means, “on every side, pushing and shoving, crushing, pressing, suffocating.” It would have been almost impossible to hurry Jesus anywhere and I’m sure that was the heart attitude of Jairus! It actually was becoming a dangerous situation! And then Jesus stopped.....

2. Woman – Suffering with a Chronic Hemorrhage

“And (“behold,” Matthew 9:20) a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, ²⁶And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all (“her living” Luke 8:43) that she had, and was nothing bettered, (“neither could be healed of any,” Luke 8:3) but rather grew worse, ²⁷When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched (“the hem” Matthew 9:20/“the border of” Luke 8:44) his garment. ²⁸For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.” Mark 5:25-28

The Woman’s Position – In contrast to Jairus this woman is not named.

Physically, we are told she had been suffering for twelve years with chronic bleeding. It is likely some kind of uterine fibroids or polyps (average age – mid 30’s to late 40’s) would have caused this symptom, and at the time of Christ, there was nothing doctors could do for her. Mark gives quite a negative account of the physicians she had seen. They not only didn’t help, but added to her suffering, took all her money, and she “rather grew worse.” It’s interesting to note Dr. Luke wasn’t as hard on the local physicians, he just said she “spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any.” But with all of this, we do know she was incurable. Though her illness was a private matter and not necessarily visible to others, she likely would have been pale and weak. This dear lady was living a slow secret death without hope of recovery. But her physical pain wasn’t the only thing she suffered from daily.....

Religiously and socially, she was seen as unclean every single day since this all had started twelve years before! Her attendance at the Temple and synagogue was restricted. Even her family and community would find her condition disgusting and looked down upon. The law taught everything she touched and the people who touched her became unclean. Lev. 15:25-29 Her whole existence was controlled by this constant bleeding; she was physically made weak, financially made destitute, socially made isolated, and religiously made unclean.

The Woman’s Faith – When she realized Jesus was again on the shore near Capernaum, she came. Christ’s fame had spread, and she knew He had healed many, many people. The Scripture reveals to us her thinking, “For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole (Gk – saved).” Matthew 9:21 The verbs in this phrase are repetitive. She kept telling herself over and over again, “just touch His garment, and I’ll be saved! Just touch His garment!” What faith, she didn’t need a special action, she didn’t need Jesus to come to her home, she didn’t even need Jesus to look at her. She was convinced if she just could touch his clothes, it would be enough to heal her terrible curse!

The Woman’s Obstacle – But the pushing, pressing crowd was also part of what this dear lady had to overcome. Remember, her illness caused her to be unclean to all who would touch her. Being part of this large thronging crowd was religiously unlawful, but it does show her desperate heart and the faith she had that Jesus would help her! We are told she “came in the press behind, and touched his garment.”

III. Faith Revealed to All

“And straightway (“immediately” Luke 8:44) the fountain (Lit. source, spring) of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. (“And the woman was made whole from that hour.” Matthew 9:22)” Mark 5:29 As soon as she touched Jesus clothes, she knew she was healed. Immediately this woman felt her body become whole. Mark tells us at the very source of the problem was made right!

“And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue (Lit. power) had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? ³¹And (“when all denied, Peter and” Luke 8:45)

his disciples said unto him, (“Master,” Luke 8:45) Thou seest the multitude thronging thee (“and press thee” Luke 8:45), and sayest thou, Who touched me? (“And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.” Luke 8:46) ³²And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. ³³But the woman (“saw that she was not hid,” Luke 8:47) fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth (“before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately” Luke 8:47). ³⁴And he said unto her, Daughter, (“be of good comfort – Lit – cheer; courage; take heart,” Matthew 9:22/Luke 8:48) thy faith hath made thee whole (Lit. healed/completely well); go in peace, and be whole (Lit. saved) of thy plague.” Mark 5:30-34 Knowing all things, Jesus knew this woman had desired healing and had touched Him. So why did He ask, “Who touched my clothes?” Answer: 1) To bring into the open this woman’s wonderful private faith 2) Give her opportunity to testify of God’s work in her 3) Opportunity for Christ to correct her thinking about Himself 4) A visual teaching tool to the disciples, Jairus, and all who could hear

“Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?” - Notice the condescending attitude of Peter and the disciples. It sounds like they thought Jesus’ question was ridiculous! WOW, to me I see in them a lack of trust and faith in Jesus! Did they really think Jesus’ line of thinking was absurd and outrageous! But this is convicting to me! Every time I ask in my heart, what are you doing Lord? Why did this happen? I am being as disrespectful, untrusting, and as faithless as these disciples? Jesus had a wonderful reason to bring to light this woman’s faith and redirect her mind. But the disciples were quick to point out what they perceived as a stupid question from the mouth of Jesus – Oh my! How they should have kept quiet, and just watched Jesus work! Same with us – we often need to pray for wisdom and then quiet our heart and watch Jesus work in our lives! Is. 55:8-9 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

“came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.” – This dear lady knew “she was not hid” from the heart of Jesus. “fearing and trembling,” she came before Jesus, “and fell down before him.” Many scholars felt she would have feared Jesus’ wrath; according to the law she had defiled many by touching them in the crowd. But soon she learned that was not the heart of Jesus. I love that we are told she told Him “all the truth!” Realize all the details about this woman the Gospels hold probably came from this moment of confession before Jesus! – the twelve years, the many doctors, all the suffering, the financially destitute position she was in, and how when she touched his clothes she immediately was healed, all these details, Jesus had already known it, but everyone heard it! But now Jesus was able to minister to her heart and teach her!

“Daughter (even though she was probably older than Christ - this was God in the flesh gently and lovely instructing this woman), thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.” – Don’t forget what this dear girl’s original thought was concerning Christ’s power to heal! She had repeated to herself over and over again, “If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.” Her faith was in Jesus, but only thought to touch His garment. Jesus cleared up her confused, a bit superstitious thinking. Jesus said, “Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole...” It wasn’t Jesus’ garment, it wasn’t her touch, it wasn’t positive thinking...**it was this woman’s faith!** She came in faith to Jesus, though privately, and He healed her! Her faith was not perfect but regardless Jesus rewarded it. And then Christ said, “...go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.” The long hard years of illness, suffering, worry, weakness, pain, sorrow, loneliness, and grief were over. Sleepless nights, rejection, and heaviness was now gone for Jesus said, “go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.” What wonderful words of comfort and truth. And all of this was based on her faith in Jesus. She went away, cleansed in both body and soul because of her faith! But that is how all of us are cleansed, by faith in the person of Jesus and His work for us on the cross! Warren Wiersbe, a pastor and Bible scholar said, “It is not the strength of our faith that saves us, but faith in a strong Savior.” p. 30 Ephesians 2:1-9

IV. Faith to Stay Encouraged

“While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said (“to him” Luke 8:49), Thy daughter is dead : why troublest thou the Master any further ? ³⁶As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid (Fear not” Luke 8:50), only believe (“and she shall be made whole” Luke 8:50).” Mark 5:35-36

“While he yet spake,” – Here we see the reference to the delay because of the healing of the woman with the issue of blood. Remember, even the disciples seemed to feel the urgency, that Jairus, the local VIP, needed them to hurry. And as Jesus was speaking with the woman, word came from Jairus’ house....

“Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?” – With this statement, we can interpret everyone’s attitude as that with death **all hope was lost**. Jairus’ greatest fear was that His daughter would die before He got Jesus back to her, it was his greatest dread, and it came to be, she had died, and with it, Jairus’ faith was all but gone too. “Why troublest thou the Master any further?” They all believed Jesus could only help the living!

“Be not afraid, only believe.” – Jesus heard and knew what news had come from Jairus’ home, and He looked Jairus in the eye and said, “Stop fearing, only keep on having faith, and she shall be made whole!” WOW! John MacArthur said this concerning this statement, “The verb is a command for present, continuous action urging Jairus to maintain the faith he had initially demonstrated in coming to Jesus.” p. 185 What hope and promise! This is really an amazing statement! Keep in mind that Jairus had just heard and seen the woman’s faith rewarded. It should have given him more confidence in Jesus! But remember, now his daughter was dead! This was the deepest, most painful crisis in his life, and Jesus said, “Be not afraid, only believe.” Oh, that we will be full of faith in the hardest of times and walk with Christ with courage, our hearts need to remember these precious words, “Be not afraid, only believe!”

V. Faith Rewarded by Jesus Throughout the next few verses, we will see Jesus again taking command and control of the situation! But He had taken charge before: on the ship during the storm, on the shore with the legion of demons, with the crowd and the woman with the issue of blood, we see it over and over again in the Gospels! We need to live knowing, Jesus always has command and control of every situation!

“And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. ³⁸And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult (“people making a noise” Matthew 9:23), (“the minstrels” Matthew 9:23) and them that wept and wailed greatly. ³⁹And when he was come in, he saith unto them, (“Give place:” Matthew 9:24) Why make ye this ado, and weep? (“Weep not;” Luke 8:52) the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth . ⁴⁰And they laughed him to scorn...(“knowing that she was dead.” Luke 8:53)” Mark 5:37-40a

“Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.” – This is the first of three times these disciples will be singled out to accompany Jesus. Often, we hear them called the “inner circle. These three will also be with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration and in the Garden of Gethsemane. We are not sure why they were chosen over the others, but all three will hold special positions in the early days of the church. Peter – one of the first to take the gospel to the Gentiles and was instrumental in shaping the early church; James – the first martyr from among the disciples (Acts 12:1-3); John – the longest-living disciple who wrote five New Testament books.

“seeth the tumult” – It must have taken a bit of time for Jesus, Jairus, and the disciples to finally arrive at the home, for the professional mourners were already there and performing their paid job! Many English translations have the word “commotion.” Between the three Gospel books, quite a description is given of this ancient funeral custom and the paid performers of grief. 1) a crowd making noise 2) minstrels – flute players 3) great weeping and wailing Today, in our culture, a room where one lays dead would have a mood of quietness, whispering, and an air of respectfulness, but theirs was the opposite.

“Why make ye this ado, and weep? The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.” – I love the old word “ado.” When looking at other translations that word is translated as “commotion, uproar, tumult, making so much noise, chaotic, distressed.” Jesus, Jairus, and the three disciples walked in on this grief circus and Jesus’ first word was “Why?” Please remember, this girl was dead, she had breathed her last, and everyone knew it. Most probably with the arrival of Jairus, there was a resurgence of sincere weeping. But Jesus said, “The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.” He was **referring to death as sleep** because He was there to **wake her up!** Christ will use this same term in the raising of Lazarus. He will say to the disciples, “Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.” It’s only later Jesus plainly told them, “Lazarus is dead.” Here we see a glimpse at God’s mind on grief. At the death of a loved one sadness, sorrow, and adjusting to the many changes one must move through is very real, and it takes time, but to make an “ado” isn’t God’s heart. As Jesus says here, in the case of a believer, they are “not dead, but sleepeth.” We do find death referred to as sleep in the Old Testament, but in the New Testament it is a principle highlighted by Jesus and later Paul taught it to the church in Thessalonica in 1 Thess. 4:13-18 and again to the Corinthians in 1 Cor. 15:51-58.

“And they laughed him to scorn” – Did you notice the emotion switch the professional mourners used? Just like a light switch on the wall! They went from weeping and wailing to laughing. I have actually seen this effectively done by two-year-olds. When a little one was crying and fussing, I simply offered them their favorite cookie, and the switch was engaged! It is pretty amazing! In Greek, we are told these unbelievers **kept laughing** in the face of Jesus, the Son of God, and not **just** laughing but making fun of Him.

“But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. ⁴¹And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel (“Maid” Luke 8:54), I say unto thee, arise. ⁴²And (“her spirit came again,” Luke 8:55) straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. ⁴³And he charged them straitly that no man should know it (“what was done” Luke 8:56); and commanded that something should be given her to eat. (“And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.” Matthew 9:26)”
Mark 5:40b-43

“he had put them all out,” – These are very strong Greek words. Jesus threw the unbelieving mourners out! The emotion here revivals the force He used to clear out the money changers in the temple! He thrust them out! This was His authority in action! His blessings and work were not for scorners to see!

“Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.” – Jesus took Jairus, his wife, and the three disciples into the room where the girl was lying, and instead of putting His hand **on her** as Jairus had asked, Jesus took her **by the hand** and gently spoke to her in sweet tones like she was accustomed to hear, “Talitha cumi.” This is Aramaic, the common language spoken by Jesus and the masses, and it would have been this little girl’s language. Mark saw fit to bring it directly into his Gospel. I love the fact that Jesus speaks our language too! Not just English,

Spanish, or whatever our mother tongue might be, but He has the ability to reach our hearts and communicate with us through the Holy Spirit in terms and language we are familiar with! I'm so thankful that many years ago Jesus spoke my heart language as an eight-year-old girl, He gently drew me and saved my soul. He can also speak to the very old, breaking through the clouds of a tired mind, bringing to them the truths of God. He can speak to the rich, and poor, the educated, and the mentally handicapped. Jesus comes down, takes their hand, and speaks their language. If you are a believer, I'm sure you can testify of times when Jesus spoke the language of your heart. Perhaps comforting you, leading you, drawing you, or like this little twelve-year-old girl, telling you it was time to get up! The translation of this phrase is literally "Little girl, little lamb, my child arise, time to get up." It's full of gentle sweetness. Just as if her father was waking her from a nap! Only this time Jesus, God in the flesh, was exercising His power to give back life from the sleep of death. And she woke up! Dr. Luke gives us the specifics with this statement, "her spirit came again." Her soul was gone but now restored to her body! Then the Bible tells us immediately she got up and started walking around! Why? Mark tells us in verse 42, "for she was of the age of twelve years." This previously sick and then dead twelve-year-old girl, who at one time had been full of life, busy, and active, went back to being full of life, busy, and active! How typical for a twelve-year-old! The reaction in the room: Jairus, his wife, and the three disciples were overcome with amazement! I'm sure all their hearts and minds rang with the words, "What manner of man is this?" Christ desired that through this visual demonstration of His power to build their faith, they would continue to grasp the fact that He was the Christ, the Messiah, the God with us!

"charged them straitly that no man should know it;" – Again, like many other times Jesus sternly commands those whom He helped not to tell anyone. Of course, it was going to quickly be known, but Christ needed to leave. We know from our study how the pressing crowds of miracle seekers, and the curious, hampered His movement. Jesus and His disciples needed time to slip away! But before Jesus left, He interrupted the happy, rejoicing father and mother, by reminding them to feed their daughter! It probably had been days since she had eaten anything and Jesus pulled them back into the reality of life, and said, "Feed that sweet girl, she's hungry!"

"And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land." – And the word of the girl being raised from the dead **did spread** and we are told Jesus' fame "went abroad into **all** that land." Jesus of Nazareth could raise the dead!

Believers Application:

God still responds to faith, strong or weak. He desires to grow weak faith and will reward strong faith! But God will always desire to see our faith continue to grow our entire lives!

In both these incidents, **Jesus took their weak, almost superstitious faith, and gently helped them grow in faith of His person and power!**

1. By this time, the people believed that healing might be found by touching the garment of a miracle worker, laying on of their hands, or as we see in Acts, even falling under one's shadow. (Acts 5:15) God did allow these types of touching and shadows to be used in healings, but faith in Jesus' person was always the main objective of miracles! In both of these miracles, we saw Jesus point out His person and power!
2. Why didn't these two come sooner? **Weak Faith? Full of fear and self-dependence?** We don't know the background and why these two did not come to Jesus sooner, but we certainly know our hearts and our human defaults. **Fear and self-dependence is a very real struggle!**

- Jairus was a public religious figure **who may have feared** going to Jesus because of his peers' open animosity toward Christ! He truly believed Jesus could heal his daughter, but **fear** may have kept him from coming sooner.
- The woman had no hope, all was lost. Jesus was the last resort. **She had tried everything** humanly possible. None of the doctors had answers, all of her money was gone, and she continued to get worse. Jesus was the last resort. But she did believe a touch of His garment would heal her! She did have faith! But an attitude of **self-dependence** may have kept her from coming sooner.

We see in these two healings that God knows all acts and thoughts of faith – even when no one else does. He granted the needs to both of these people and with it built their faith! In both these incidents, **Jesus took their weak, almost superstitious faith, and gently helped them grow in faith of His person and power!**

Col. 2:6-10

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men & A Mute-Possessed Man

Matthew 9:27-31/Matthew 9:32-34

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Jesus Heals Two Blind Men Three Significant Lessons

Matthew 20 has a very similar incident of the healing of two blind men, but this is a different event. The Gospels record Jesus giving sight to the blind six times.

“And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.” Matthew 9:27

I. The Title – Son of David

“Thou Son of David, have mercy on us.” – **Son of David** is a significant messianic title. In the flow of the Book of Matthew, this is the first time the readers see it being used in reference to Jesus. In our chronological study, this name and the controversy it stirred have already been studied. (Matthew 12:22-24)

Facts about the Use of “Son of David:”

1) Son of David was **the people’s favorite title** for the Messiah. Its primary emphasis is political, with the kingdom of David being renewed. (Isaiah 9:6-7) When Jesus rode into Jerusalem in the triumphal entry, the people called out, “Hosanna to the son of David.” Later, standing before Pilate, Christ was asked if He was the king of the Jews. This line of questioning came from the use of this title.

2) **Jesus did not use this title.** He used “Son of Man.” He will someday sit on the throne of David as king, but at this time, He had come to do His Father’s will of redemption.

3) These two blind men understood Jesus was the Messiah and sought a **miracle that the Old Testament attributed to the Messiah** – giving sight to the blind. (Isaiah 29:18-19; 35:4-6; 42:5-7) They knew the Messiah would have this ability!

“And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.²⁹ Then touched he their eyes, saying, According (Lit. - In response) to your faith be it unto you.³⁰ And their eyes were opened;” Matthew 9:28-30

II. Their Faith –

“Believe ye that I am able to do this?” – Notice, that Jesus never acknowledged these two men as they followed Him calling out. But that didn’t deter them, they followed Jesus right into “the” house, probably Peter’s, and there in privacy Jesus asked them, “Do you believe I can do this?” They had been calling out “Son of David;” they had been seeking Christ’s mercy for a healing miracle; now Jesus asked them about their faith! “Do you truly believe I can do this?” Jesus was testing their faith! Did they really believe? Were they truly committed to the power of the Son of David, the Messiah?

“Yea, Lord.” – Again, we are seeing these men use another messianic title from Psalm 110:1. This Old Testament verse teaches the Son of David would be deity. Jesus used this verse the very last time He interacted with the Pharisees in Matthew 22:41-46. Yes, these men believed Jesus was their Messiah and Lord!

“According to your faith be it unto you.” – I love how Jesus used the word “faith.” Their faith was sure! And upon their public confession, Jesus responded to their request and granted them sight!

“and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. ³¹But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country.” Matthew 9:30-31

III. The Command

“See that no man know it.” – Jesus did not want to be known as a miracle worker! The crowds not only hampered His movement but also took up His time. His purpose was to teach and preach. In compassion, Jesus helped the needy, both those with faith and the suffering faithless, but it was not His main purpose. His miracles were always to be a sign of who He was, the Messiah, and that had already been evidenced.

Jesus Heals a Mute Demon-Possessed Man Two Significant Lessons

“As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. ³³And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marveled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.” Matthew 9:32-33

I. The Multitudes Reaction

“It was never so seen in Israel.” – Miracles had been done by prophets, but not on the scale of Jesus’ works. This amazement and comment seem to go beyond just the casting out of this demon but show a larger scope attitude among the people. Matthew is giving several summary statements. (v. 35) The people seemed willing to accept Jesus as the Messiah. The Pharisees felt they must counter the conversations!

“But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils (Lit. - Satan/Devil.)” Matthew 9:34

II. The Pharisees Reaction

“He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils.” – This is the first time in the book of Matthew this talking point is revealed. The Pharisees were trying to convince the people that Jesus’ power came from Satan. This lie had come out earlier as we have studied Jesus chronologically and at that time, He refuted it very effectively! (Matthew 12:24-37) 1) Satan would not work against himself 2) Inconsistency of their logic – by whose power did their exorcist work? 3) Beware of your blaspheming words – judgment to come!

Believers Application: As we desire to follow Him in faith and walk through life seeking to be part of spreading and growing the kingdom, we must remember the great power of Christ as demonstrated in these past six miracles! In John 15, Jesus will teach that His power is in us as we abide in Him! (John 15:1-8) Then we will have the power to produce the fruit to give the Gospel, disciple others, live acceptably in relationships, raise our children correctly, live purely, work diligently, be grateful, stay content, encourage others, and be generous – and so “much” more fruit! **HW #24** is an exercise to consider and check our faith in relationship to the power we have available to us through Christ! (Hand out HW#24, allow your friends to think and work through it, and come back the next week and give time for sharing.)

Consider sharing how God used these reminders of His power and might in your life.

*My heart desires to **please God** and **walk by faith** in His power. Regardless of my shortcomings, I know God's **might is sufficient** to overcome and **He will use me** as I put my trust in Him.*

I fall before Jesus, just as Jairus, the women with the issue of blood, the blind men, and so many others, I too beg Christ for mercy and pray – Dear Lord, Son of David, I bring to you my life, I want you to use me in your kingdom.....(finish your prayer)