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LORD OF SICKNESS AND DEATH

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MARK 5:21-43

INTRODUCTION

MARK 5:21-24 21 And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. 22 Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet 23 and implored him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.” [Sozo that she may be saved] 24 And he went with him.

- **Literally he’s saying his daughter is “At her end!”** “At Death’s Door.” Therefore time is of the essence!
- **Sproul** “It was not just that she was very sick and in intensive care; she was at the end of hospice care.”
- **Imagine yourself one of the twelve Disciples:** You’ve just witnessed Jesus rebuke a storm like a disobedient child, & it obeyed. After that you saw confronted by a man demonized by thousands of demons, He tells them to go, & go they did.
- **He’s Lord of Storms, Lord of Demons!** This leaves the Disciples afraid and saying, “Who then is this?”
- **But now Jesus faces something even more terrifying than a hurricane,** more threatening than a legion of evil spirits. The great enemy, THE enemy—none other than death itself.
- **Every “Biggest fears”** poll I’ve ever read contains death near the top.
- **Jesus marches off with Jairus! Yet something happened then,** this pleading father did not expect.

1. LORD OF SICKNESS

MARK 5:24b-34 And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. 25 And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, 26 and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse.

- **The OT Law declared that anyone that was bleeding was ceremonially unclean.** That meant this woman was prohibited from being a part of the worshipping community of Israel, the people of God.
- **Just by being in this pressing crowd around Jesus,** she was actively disobeying the OT ritual law.
- **No one was allowed to touch her or her clothes either,** lest they become unclean as well.
- **She was not only experiencing physical and financial misery,** but spiritual and social as well.
- **Now we come face to face with a fear that tops even death in our day!** If you look at most lists, not sickness but “Fear of Public Speaking.” It’s a fear of failing, everyone seeing you and looking at you in disgust!

27 She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. 28 For she said, “If I touch even his garments, I will be made well.” [sozo - saved] 29 And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. 30 And Jesus, perceiving in himself that *power* had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my garments?” 31 And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’” 32 And he looked around to see who had done it. 33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. 34 And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

1. Jesus is after knowing you, not just healing you. He doesn't just heal you to heal you, He heals you so you can know Him.
2. Jesus is willing to take our uncleanness into Himself to make us clean.
3. Not only making us clean, but restoring our identity to what it should be. Bringing us back into community!

2. LORD OF DEATH

MARK 5:35-43 ³⁵ While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷ And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand he said to her, "*Talitha cumi*," which means, "*Little girl, I say to you, arise.*" ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³ And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

- **Talitha** = pet name meaning something like "Honey" or "Sweetheart" **What a parent would call their child*

1. It doesn't matter who you are

- One was a man one was a woman. One had status and one did not. One had money and one did not. One was ceremonially unclean and one was not.
- **I feel some of you really need to hear this:** You're not bothering Jesus when you go to Him with your messes. So stop NOT going, and go! He has time for you. No problem is too big, nor too small.

2. It doesn't matter what you need to be saved from

- One needed a healing and reconciliation with their community, one needed a resurrection.
- **Q.** Did either phase Jesus?
- He is the Great Physician. Go to Him with your sins, your sickness, your life, your death!

3. We don't have to question the timing of Jesus

- **Q.** Do you question His timing? **A.** Of course you do! I'll just out you, out us all!
- **Q.** Why do you worry? Why do we get bitter?
- **KELLER:** "Worry is not believing God will get it right, and bitterness is believing God got it wrong."
- Jesus is never late. Nor is he early. He arrives precisely when He means to.
- We can rest easy, even in storms, even in the face of evil, even with sickness, even in DEATH, Because Jesus is LORD OF ALL and His timing is perfect.

4. Through faith in Jesus, our greatest fears and true enemies are destroyed

- **Q.** Which do you fear more: death, sickness, status and identity not being concrete and worthy?
- **He looked at Jairus,** He looks at all of us through this passage, and says, "I know you're scared, but you're with Me. You don't need to fear anything. Trust me. Don't fear, but believe."

BUT HOW?

- Because He's no ordinary King—He's the King who went to a cross to redeem His people.
- Greatly this woman had suffered, but greater He would suffer. He's the Great Physician that doesn't make you suffer because of his inability or charge you everything you own in hopes of salvation.
- He suffered *FOR* you, giving everything HE owns to give you certainty of salvation!
- **So that if your faith is in Him, Because He died in your place...** even death is but a nap from which He'll gently wake you to eternal life.
- **So that if your faith is in Him,** even when things look out of control, or His timing is off, he looks at you and says, "Trust me" and you know you can.