

Questions for Gospel Harmony #58

Matthew 9.18-26; Mark 5.22-43; Luke 8.41-56

1. What was a “ruler of the synagogue”? When Jairus worshiped Jesus, does this mean that he realized Jesus was divine? How do we reconcile the apparent differences between the accounts? Was the little girl dying, at the point of death, or already dead? (Matthew 9.18; Mark 5.22-23; Luke 8.41-42)
2. What is the meaning of the word “thronged”? What was likely the nature of this woman’s physical ailment? Would impact would such an ailment have on her life according to the Law of Moses? What does Mark mean when he states the she “suffered many things” at the hands of physicians? What would have led her to think that touching Jesus’ clothes would make her well? (Matthew 9.20-21; Mark 5.24-28; Luke 8.41-44)
3. Explain the statements: “immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him” and “I perceived power going out from Me.” What made the touch of this woman different than the rest of the multitude? Why does Jesus call her “daughter”? What does Jesus say caused her to be healed? (Matthew 9.16-17; Mark 5.29-34; Luke 8.44-48)
4. What did Jesus command Jairus to do? How does Jesus describe the girl’s condition? Why did He say this? How many people did Jesus invite into the room to witness the miracle and why did he send the others out? What did Jesus command to those who say the girl’s resurrection? What happened afterward? (Matthew 9.23-26; Mark 5.35-43; Luke 8.49-56)

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While He spoke these things to them, behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, came and worshiped Him; he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her, that she may be healed, and she will live." For he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. So Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples. But as He went, a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him. Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and suddenly touched His garment. For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, saw that she was not hidden, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth: she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction." And the woman was made well from that hour. While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly, the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? Make room, do not weep, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." Then her spirit returned. Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement. But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat. And the report of this went out into all that land.