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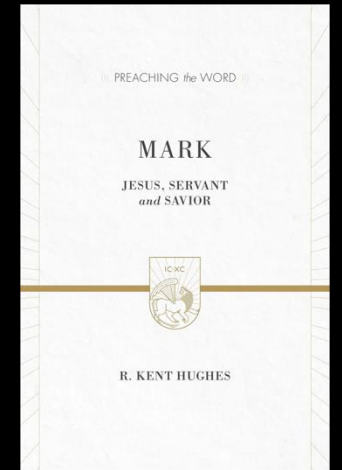
Experiencing New Life

Faith Commitment

The Desperation of Jairus

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“Jairus was like so many of us in our coming to Christ. It was not his love for Christ that brought him. It was not what he could do for Christ. It was his need. It was his desperation and a glimmer of hope. Despair is commonly the prelude to grace.”



Mark: Jesus, Servant and Savior (ESV Edition) R. Kent Hughes

Twelve Years of Suffering

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“An unceasing hemorrhage was bad enough, but the Old Testament law declared that someone with the condition described here was ceremonially unclean. That meant this woman could not be a part of the worshiping community of Israel (Lev. 15:25–33). She was as unclean as a leper. No one was allowed to touch her or her clothes lest he or she, too, become unclean. So this woman was suffering not just physical misery, but social and religious misery, because she had been banished from the presence of the people of God. Just by being in the multitude that was thronging around Jesus she was actively disobeying the Old Testament ritual law.

“ Not only was she miserable in these various ways, she was destitute. She had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse (v. 26). She had gone to doctor after doctor, spending her last cent, but the doctors only made her condition worse. “I doubt that the doctors in the ancient world wanted to make her condition worse; they simply did not have the medicine, the knowledge, and the tools at their disposal to give her relief. According to the medicine of the first century, her condition was incurable.

The Non-Anxious Savior

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From Shame to Honor

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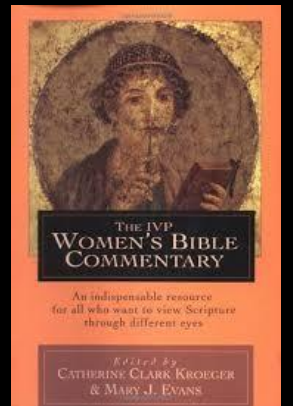


Why does Jesus call attention to what she has done? Has she not suffered enough public embarrassment? Could he not let her go in peace with a silent wink? The public embarrassment caused by singling her out signifies his individual care for her. He will not allow her to slip away and remain anonymous. He forces the issue so that when she leaves healed, she will leave knowing that the one who healed her knows her and cares for her. She is a person who is worth taking time with and addressing.



“Unique in the healings in Mark, this woman takes the initiative to go to Jesus, ignoring the social custom that would have prevented her from speaking to a male in public and the cultic, blood taboos that would prevent physical contact. Jesus responds verbally to her, acknowledging her existence. He calls her “daughter,” establishing kinship within the family and acknowledges that her complete healing is because of her faith.

“The hemorrhaging woman depicts the faith that Jairus must have for his daughter’s healing, and Jesus breaks every social and religious custom to liberate a bound woman by restoring the wholeness of her body and consequently her social functioning. In the intercalation Jesus is depicted as Lord of every situation, even apparently hopeless ones.



The IVP Women's Bible Commentary, ed. Catherine Clark Kroeger & Mary J. Evans, "Mark," p. 554-555

All is Lost?

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?"



Dovetailing the stories of two such dissimilar individuals reveals that being male, being ritually pure, holding a high religious office, or being a man of means provide no advantage in approaching Jesus. Being female, impure, dishonored, and destitute are no barrier to receiving help...Health, wholeness, and salvation are not extended to just the lucky few who already have so much of everything else. But neither does Jesus set the lowly over against the lofty. Faith enables all, honored and dishonored, clean and unclean, to tap into the merciful power of Jesus that brings both healing and salvation. All are equals before Jesus.

A photograph of a church service. In the foreground, the backs of several people are visible as they sit in pews, looking towards the front. On the stage, a band of four people is performing. From left to right: a man at a keyboard, a man sitting with a guitar, a woman singing into a microphone, and a man standing and playing an acoustic guitar. Behind them is a large projection screen displaying lyrics. The stage is lit with warm lights, and the background is a red curtain. The overall atmosphere is one of a contemporary church worship service.

Invitation Sunday

Sunday 1.25

Fear or Faith?

36 But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."

“We must not miss what is happening here. Jairus came to Jesus with an uninformed, wishful “belief” that Jesus could heal his daughter. That belief elevated through Jesus’ exchange with the woman. But now Christ challenged Jairus not to believe him for a healing, but for a *resurrection*! This is a radical call and a radical development of Jairus’ faith. It is one thing to pray for your child’s healing from a life-threatening disease. It is quite another to stand over her cold body and pray for immediate resurrection. “Do not fear, only believe,” said Jesus.”

They Laughed

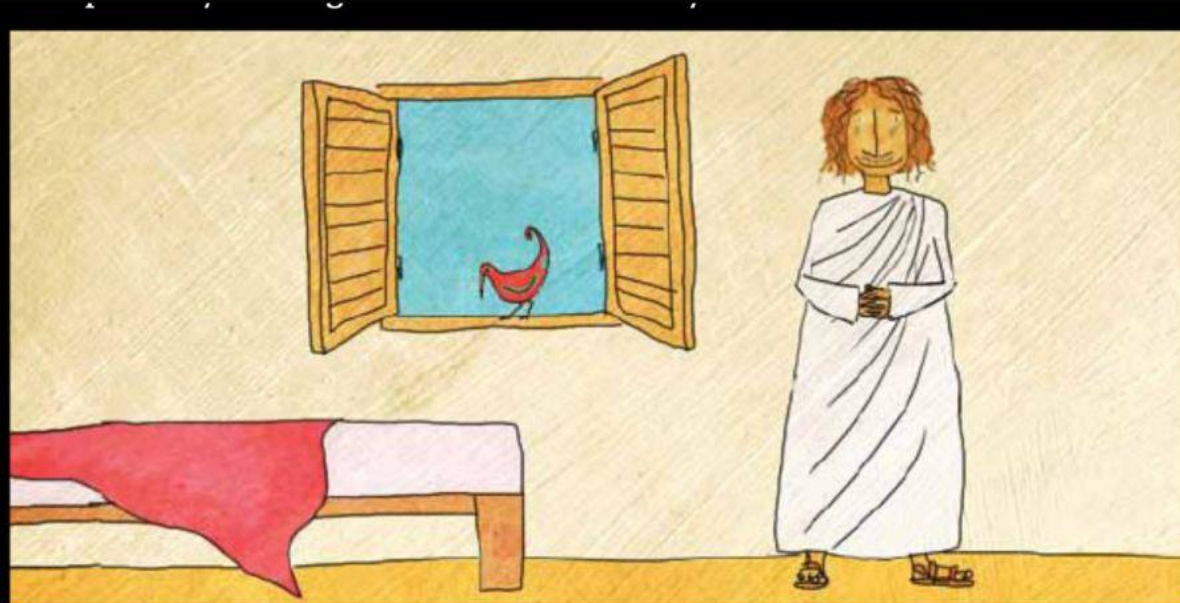
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THE ALL IS LOST MOMENT

Resurrection Power

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Jesus walked into the little girl's bedroom. And there, lying in the corner, in the shadows, was the still little figure. Jesus sat on the bed and took her pale hand.

"Honey," he said, "it's time to get up." And he reached down into death and gently brought the little girl back to life.

The little girl woke up, rubbed her eyes as if she'd just had a good night's sleep, and leapt out of bed.

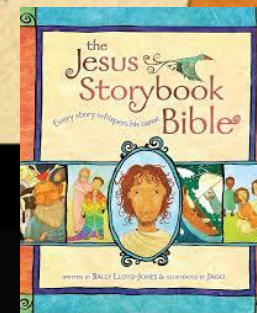
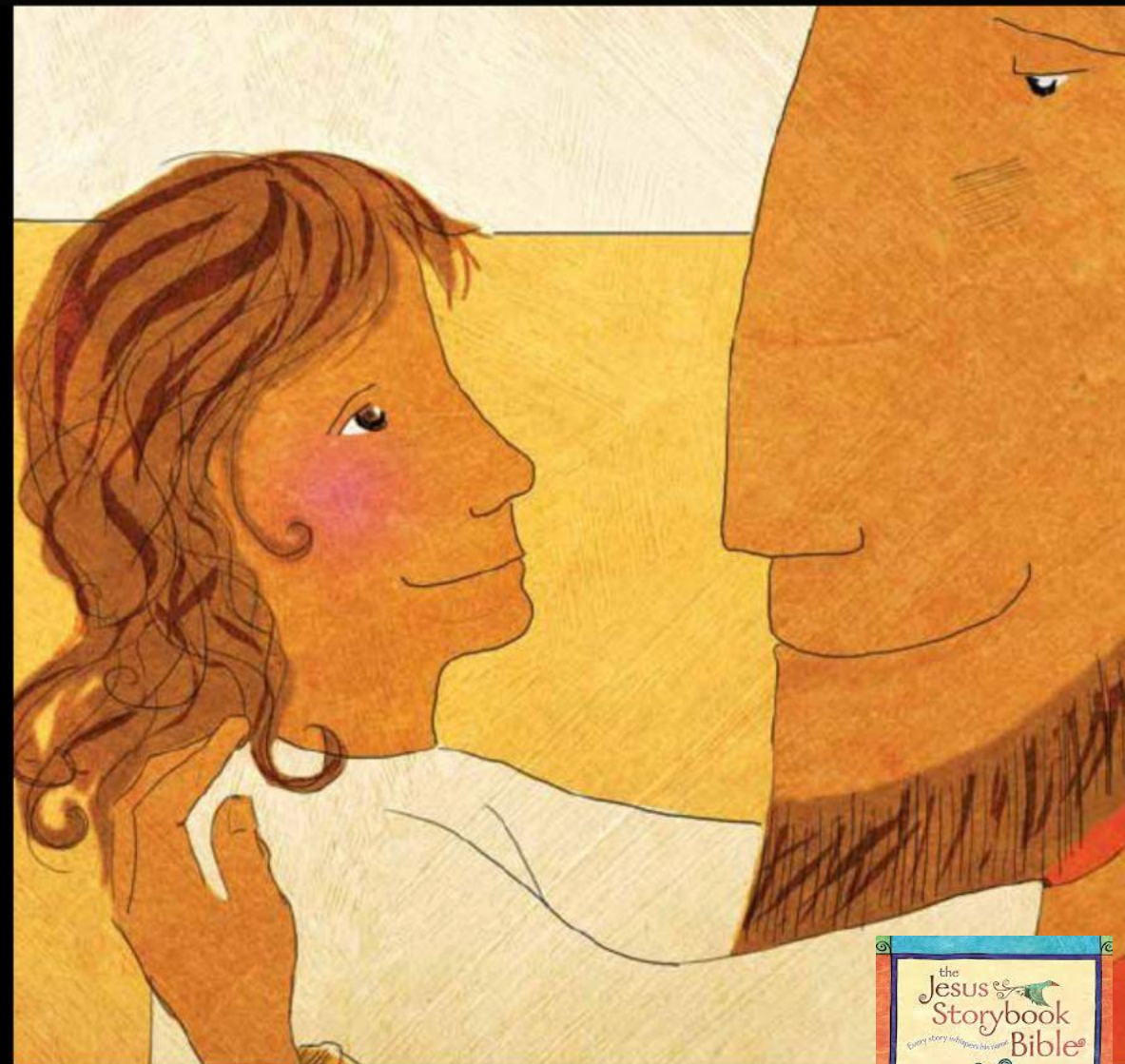
Jesus threw open the shutters and sunlight flooded the dark room. "Hungry?" Jesus asked. She nodded.

Jesus called to her family, "Bring this little girl some breakfast!"

Jesus helped and healed many people, like this. He made blind people see. He made deaf people hear. He made lame people walk.

Jesus was making the sad things come untrue.

He was mending God's broken world.



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John 10:27-28

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.



Gospel Response

Start:

Jesus is inviting you into everything you really want. Will you have fear or faith?

Strengthen:

Hear the voice of Jesus and follow him with faith, not fear.