

Encounter Jesus

I. Intro

- A. 30 day Challenge video
 - 1. Much ministry, much impact
 - 2. You are sent to your community, your job, your family!
 - 3. Make much of Jesus!
- B. After much ministry
- C. After a trip across the Sea of Galilee
- D. After the encounter with Legion
- E. After the restoration, and challenge to continue ministry, they head back across the sea.
- F. This is a two week message, today we look at the people involved, next week we look at the words and actions of Christ.

II. Text

- A. Verses 5:21-23: Jairus and Jesus
 - 1. They had interacted before as Jesus demonstrated authority before the leaders of the synagogue
 - 2. Jesus was on their radar, but not because they had big faith.
 - 3. His fame had grown, and Jairus was desperate.
- B. Verses 5:24-27: Traveling with the crowd
 - 1. A tough walk through the town
 - 2. The crowds pressing around, yet Jesus knew when He was touched for healing.
 - 3. In desperation, this woman reaches out to touch Christ, and it mattered.
- C. Verses 5:28-29: The Woman touches the hem of Jesus's robe
 - 1. She believed and went for it by faith
 - 2. Seek forgiveness rather than permission I guess.
- D. Verses 5:30-34: Woman, your faith has made you well
- E. Verses 5:35-38: arrival at the rulers house
 - 1. Jesus took the time needed to do other things along the way
 - 2. He was not late, He was not early, He was right on time. His Time.
- F. Verses 5:39-43: Jairus's daughter brought back to life

III. Points

- A. A Man who is religious
 - 1. Jairus: name means light bearer
 - 2. Leader in the synagogue of Capernaum:
 - a) Chapter three, the leaders of the synagogue want to destroy Jesus after healing the man with the withered hand
 - b) Chapter 4: He hears Jesus teach using parables, and hears the words: He who has ears to hear, let him hear.
 - c) These same leaders are the ones trying to entrap Jesus as a breaker of the law, while ignoring the heart of the Law, and the Lord of the law
 - 3. Now, this leader of the synagogue is bowing at the feet of a peasant traveling Rabbi from Galilee.
 - 4. Jesus went with Him, but even yet, was in no hurry.
 - 5. We do not know much about Jairus, and never see his name again in the gospels.
 - a) We do not know if he became a follower of Christ
 - b) We do not have evidence of anything other than this story that he interacted with Jesus.
 - 6. But we do know that religion will run out, and all that is left is Jesus
 - 7. Your religion will not save you!
 - a) At some point, all the ritual and liturgy will run out if Jesus is not the point.
 - b) You can never be right enough in the eyes of men to be at peace with God.
 - c) You cannot replace relationship with Jesus with things that look like church.
 - d) You cannot obey enough rules to overcome your sin debt.

- e) Attending church, Bible study, giving tithes, right living...
 - (1) Has to come from an overflow of Christ in you
 - (2) Or it will leave you frustrated, mean, and complaining.
 - (3) I recently talked to a retired pastor who believes this to be the greatest problem in the church
 - (4) After years of ministry, his conclusion is that a religious lifestyle has replaced authentic faith, even when there is a curiosity about Christ.
 - (5) Embrace the grace of Christ and follow Him out of a love relationship.
- B. A Woman who is sick
1. A Woman with a discharge of blood for 12 years would have considered UNCLEAN for 12 years.
 2. Her physical condition:
 - a) Spent all her money on doctors
 - b) Condition was getting worse
 - c) This was a slow and miserable death
 3. Her Spiritual Condition:
 - a) She was an outcast due to being unclean by the law
 - b) She would not have been permitted in the synagogue
 - c) Anything she touched would also be considered unclean.
 4. What Happened?:
 - a) She knew if she could get to Jesus, He could heal her
 - b) She touched His robe
 - c) Jesus was not made unclean by this...remember, He is the Lord of the law.
 - d) She is immediately healed
 5. She then bows before Jesus and tells the story.
 6. Authentic Faith will be marked with humility:
 - a) She had nothing left, and had experienced much pain.
 - b) She was certain she had only one option left, so she turned to Jesus when she had the chance.
 - c) By faith, she reached out and touched His garment believing that would be enough and she was desperate.
 - d) How desperate are you?
 - (1) An act of faith in desperation is still an act of faith.
 - (2) Let us never forget: whether we recognize our desperation or we do not, we are all desperate like this woman.
- C. A Child who has died
1. The same 12 years this child had been alive, the woman was considered unclean.
 2. The Child was now dead, and by the commotion, it had just happened
 3. "Why trouble the teacher any further"...all hope was lost
 4. Jesus carries on and goes into the house and raises the girl from the dead
 5. Everyone is amazed
 6. There is no mention of the little girls faith, or posture...because she was no longer alive or able to respond.
 7. Life comes from God, and Spiritual life only comes through faith in Christ
 - a) This little girl was dead, just as we are in our sin before faith in Christ.
 - b) This is a picture of us before we are made alive in Christ.
 - c) Dead things do not come back to life, until Jesus speaks.
 - d) The little girl is different from Jairus and The Woman:
 - (1) They had tried everything, and were still in want
 - (2) She had tried nothing, and was no longer able to respond.
 - (3) But all three were the same in this: Without Jesus, they had no hope!
- D. A Savior who has come
1. Jairus was religiously and culturally considered right, well connected and important, but went to Jesus when all of that didn't work.

2. The Woman was religiously unclean, broke, dying, and an outcast, but believed Jesus held the answer.
3. The girl was dead, and had no power to respond or wake up, but Jesus had the power.
4. JESUS is the answer to all of these situations:
 - a) When religion runs out, Jesus is still there
 - b) When options run out, Jesus is still there
 - c) When life runs out, Jesus is still there!
5. [Eph 2:4-5 ESV] 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved—

IV. Close

- A. Do not trust in yourself to be made well
- B. Do not trust in your good deeds to be right with God
- C. Do not become so hopeless that you refuse to reach out to touch Jesus
- D. Do not forget, Christ will make you spiritually alive from dead.