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Luke 8:40-56 “Hidings & Healings”

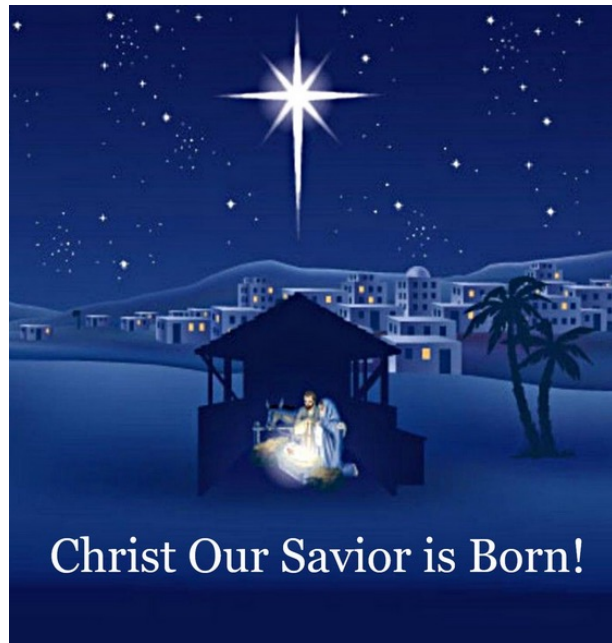
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Luke continues to surprise us with Jesus!

Birth



Baptism



Temptation



Rejection & healing at home



Choosing apostles from fishermen



Healings & teachings



Revealing the Kingdom of God



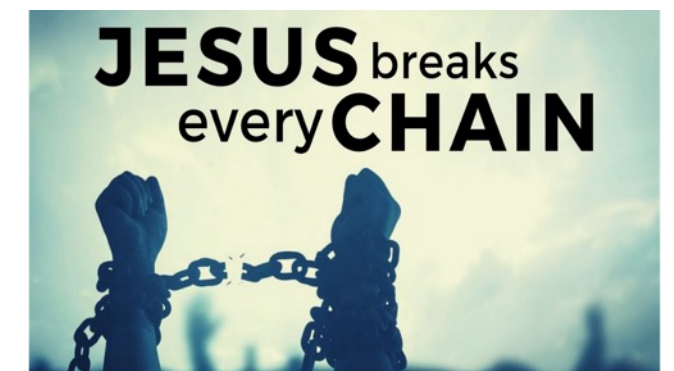
Blessing Romans & women



Parables of growth



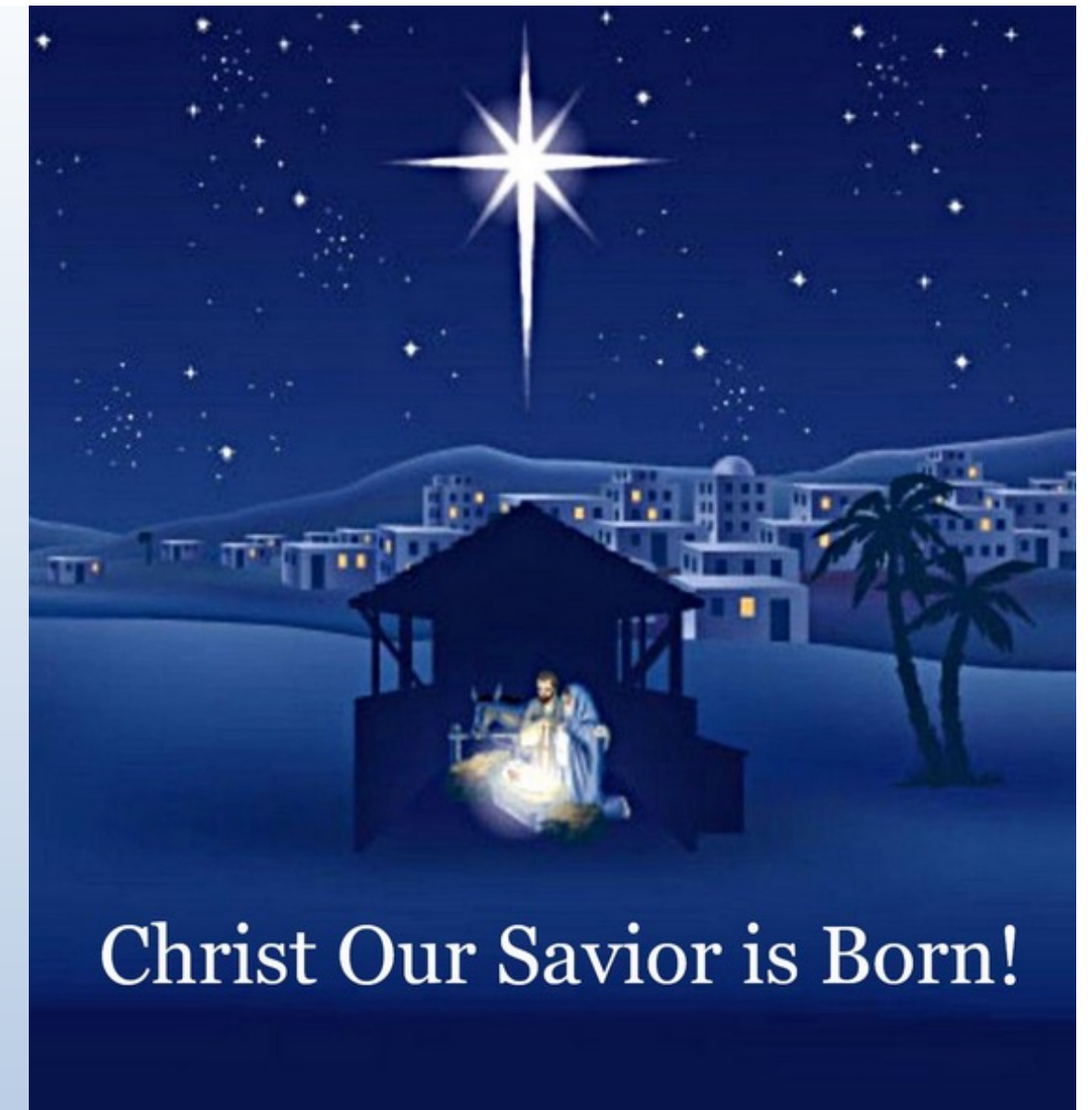
Power over nature & Satan



We see that Jesus is a public leader...but...

- But he is not like any other
- He is born in humble beginnings
- He is powerful but gentle
- He is bold and confrontational
- He is clear but mysterious
- He can heal with a touch or a word
- He cares for the lowly and foreigners!
- He announces a Kingdom has arrived...
- Even the powers of nature and evil submit
- But there is no army, no political power, no treasury

What is going to happen next?



Luke continues to surprise in 8:40-56!

- From the first verse there are surprises!
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- What follows are a series of unexpected events, a series of hidden thoughts, perplexing outcomes, and amazing healings.

THERE IS NOTHING
CONCEALED THAT WILL
NOT BE DISCLOSED, AND
NOTHING HIDDEN THAT
WILL NOT BE MADE
KNOWN.

- LUKE 12:2

Luke 8:40-56



Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman

⁴⁰ Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. ⁴¹ Then a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house ⁴² because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying.

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. ⁴³ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

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Luke 8:44

⁴⁵ “Who touched me?”
Jesus asked.
When they all denied it,
Peter said, “Master, the
people are crowding and
pressing against you.”

⁴⁶ But Jesus said,
“Someone touched me;
I know that power has
gone out from me.”
⁴⁷ Then the woman,
seeing that she could
not go unnoticed, came
trembling and fell at his
feet.





In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”

⁴⁹ While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” he said. “Don’t bother the teacher anymore.”

⁵⁰ Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.”

⁵¹ When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child’s father and mother.





⁵² Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. “Stop wailing,” Jesus said. “She is not dead but asleep.”

⁵³ They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴ But he took her by the hand and said, “My child, get up!” ⁵⁵ Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

Detail from Mark 5:

...he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

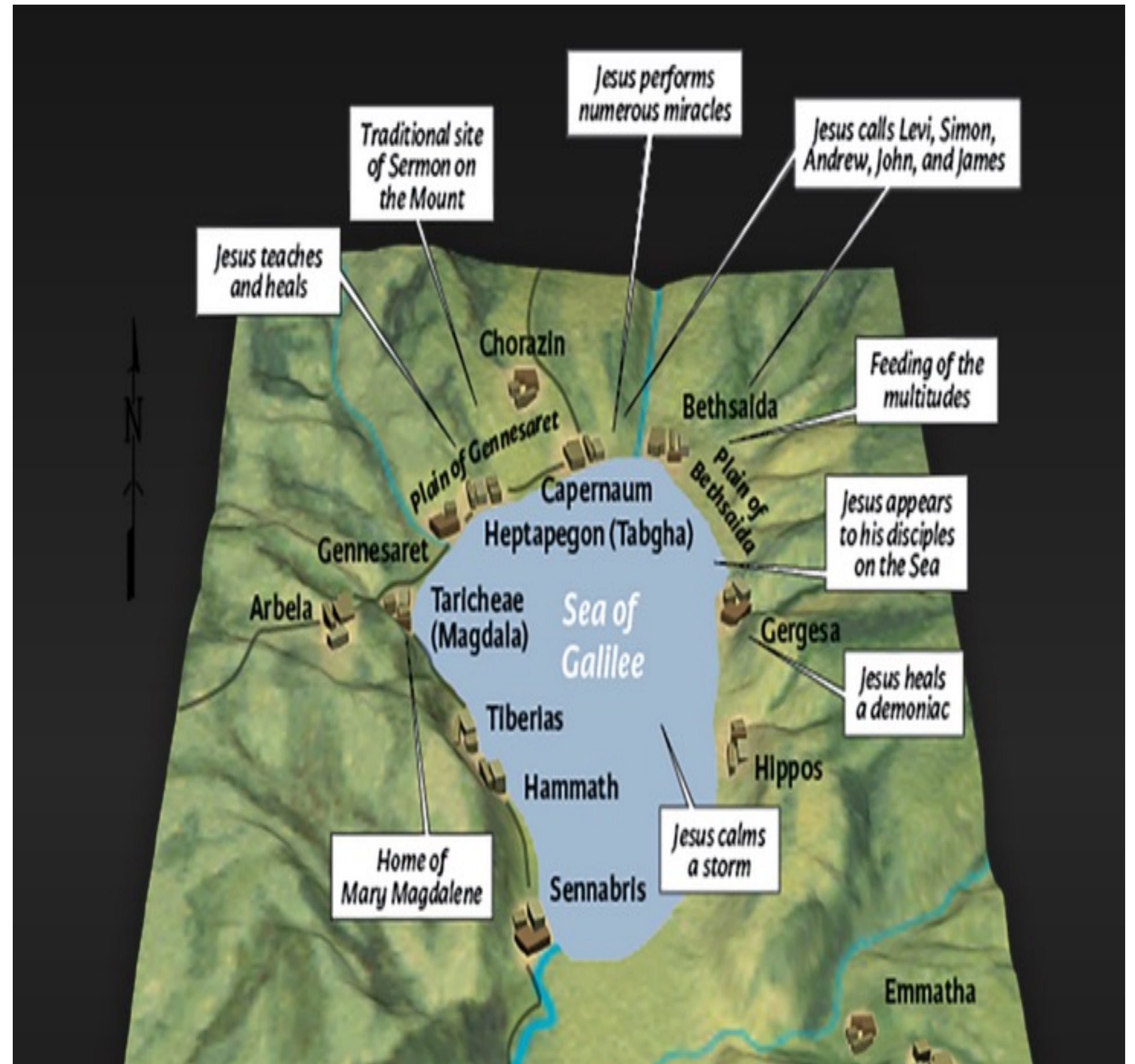
Detail from Matthew 9:

²⁵ After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. ²⁶ News of this spread through all that region.



Context:

We also know from Mark 6:1 that Jesus is now close to his hometown—he has crossed the sea of Galilee back to an area near Capernaum, where the Centurion's servant was healed.



God is revealing...Hidings & Healings



**The Secrecy &
Openness of
Jesus' Mission**



**Everyone is
seeking Jesus –
are we?**



**Faith, Power,
Jesus, & Us**

1) The Secrecy & Openness of Jesus' Mission

We will see this several times:

- Jairus comes openly—we know his name and who he is
- But his daughter's healing is almost secret
- This is very different than the paralyzed man let down through the roof!
- Secrecy?
- Why does Jesus give orders to tell no one?



Is it God's purpose to reveal or to conceal?

- ❖ We see encounter over and over
- ❖ All the encounters in Luke have been surprising from his angelic announcement to his baptism, temptation, rejection, and more
- ❖ We meet Jesus in the unexpected and we are each challenged to respond



2) Are we seeking Jesus?

- a) Jairus is very likely one of the synagogue rulers from Capernaum, who pleaded for the Centurion in Luke 7
- b) Jairus comes and falls at Jesus' feet. The words used in Luke and Matthew implies "worship" of Jesus
- c) Luke highlights it is his only child—about 12

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¹⁸ While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live."

In the midst of his trial, Jairus' daughter dies!

- We'll return to the woman in a moment but imagine Jairus' grief!
- To publicly seek Jesus...
- To be heartbroken...
- Jesus quickly reassures Jairus, and he believes
- Jesus ejects the crowd of mourners and enters with only three disciples and the parents
- To touch a dead body would be unclean under the Law

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From Mark 5:

38 When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. 39 He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” 40 But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was.

41 He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha koum!” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”). 42 Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. 43 He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

- (Note that in Mark, Jesus speaks Aramaic which gives us insight that this was the common language of the people)
- Jesus tells them to feed the girl—a practical note, but perhaps also a note referring back to his recent teaching on fasting in Matthew 9

But why does Jesus order this to be kept a secret?

- It is humility?
- Does he know they will actually tell it more?
- What would we do?



Let's return to what happened on the road...

- On the way with Jairus—no doubt he is distraught!
- A strange event happens—a woman creeps up to touch him
- Note this woman has been bleeding for twelve years—the same age as the girl—it's like both are dying together
- Mark gives us much more detail about her predicament...
- She is instantly healed! (unlike the doctors)

Mark 5:²⁴ A large crowd followed and pressed around him. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed."

The woman stricken with bleeding and healed...

A complete contrast to Jairus...

- She comes secretly in a crowd (yet her personal details are all revealed)
- Under the Levitical Law, she is unclean—touch just the robe
- Strangely, Jesus is wondering who touched him—or is he?
- The disciples are mystified
- She comes forward, falls at Jesus' feet like Jairus, and tells all
- Jesus blesses her and she leaves (no name) being called a “daughter”...



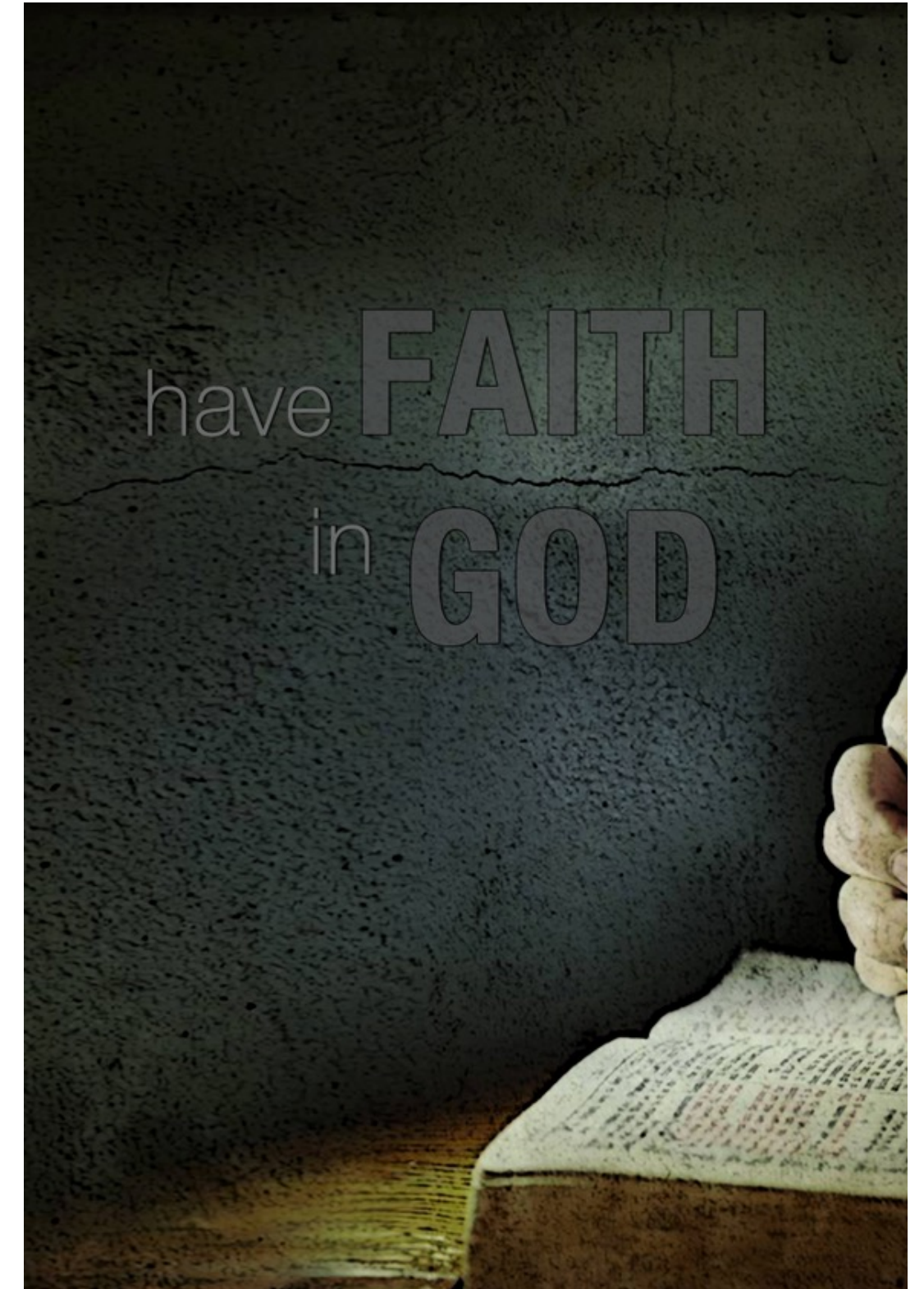
Several Puzzles here...

- a) Is such a miracle possible?
- b) Look at Acts 19: ¹¹ *"God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them."*
- c) Does Jesus not know who touched him?
- d) He wants all to benefit from listening, including Jairus!
- e) We now know the whole story about her...
- f) Just after calling her daughter, Jairus is told his daughter had died...



3. Faith, Power, Jesus, & Us

- a) Clearly amazing accounts...recorded in 3 Gospels
- b) We should see healing as possible but healing of the soul and spirit as preeminent
- c) We should note that Jesus being touched by the woman, and touching a dead body are both prohibited by the Law
- d) Jesus puts life and wholeness ahead of legality...as Luke has shown us before
- e) In both cases, Jesus emphasizes faith



f) It may be difficult to know whether Jesus would allow the woman's healing "as is", but he clearly was pleased with her public profession



Conclusions

- These events are recorded in three Gospels
- Both focus on faith, and on healings. Jesus' care for women is shown again
- There is a certain amount of mystery as to why the one healing is so public, but that of the girl is not
- It is possible this is the second miracle Jairus has witnessed





- The role of the crowds—up and down—is a backdrop while people are seeking Jesus desperately
- We are challenged to make an encounter with Jesus in spite of circumstances, crowds, or commotion!
- Don't listen to the mourners or wailers in your life—listen to Jesus in your heart

The wise path...



Are we seeking to touch Jesus for only a temporal healing, or to enter a living relationship with him?

❖ There are many who want Jesus to fix their problems, families, health, finances and more, but to get into a living relationship and discipleship is more...

- We may never have a crisis experience like these...
- Let's continue to pray for others around us, and especially for salvation
- Jesus is the one who goes to your home in your time of need
- He also will stop along the way to talk to the one who reaches out to him





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