



HEALING NARRATIVES PART II

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Today's Agenda (if time)

- **Prayer**
- **Narrative 1:**
 - Book of Job and Healing
- **Narrative 2 (Mark 5:21-43):**
 - Jairus' daughter (21-24)
 - The woman with a hemorrhage (25-34)
 - Jairus' daughter (35-43)
- **If Time:**
 - Healing and Healthcare in biblical times

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Narrative 1:

BOOK OF JOB AND HEALING

Job

Relationship with God

- “There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.”

Job 1:1,8; 2:3

Afflictions on Job:

Children killed

Servants killed


Boils from head to toe

Miserable itches

Sat among ashes (2:7)

Friends don't recognize
him (3:12)



A carved wooden figure of Job. 
Probably from Germany, 1750–1850
CE. The Wellcome Collection, London

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Take into Account

- Job was blameless and upright
- Miserable- grieving loss of children and loss of health
- Challenges understanding: If Good blessed. Friends agree
- God and Job speak, God rebukes friends and affirms Job
- Job 42- gets new children and stuff back

BUT...



DOES JOB GET
PHYSICALLY HEALED?

Healing Narratives in the Gospels

Matthew	19 healing narratives, 4 summaries
Mark	18 healing narratives and 4 summaries
Luke	20 healing narratives and 3 summaries
John	Signs and 5 are healing

Joel Green, "Healing in the Bible," *New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, Vol. 2. (Nashville: Abingdon, 2006), 758.

In addition- 6 exorcisms



Jairus' daughter (21-24)

The woman with a hemorrhage
(25-34)

Jairus' daughter (35-43)

Narrative 2

(Mark 5:21-43):

Jairus' Daughter Part I

Mark 5:21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²² Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³ and begged him repeatedly, “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.” ²⁴ So he went with him. (NRSV)

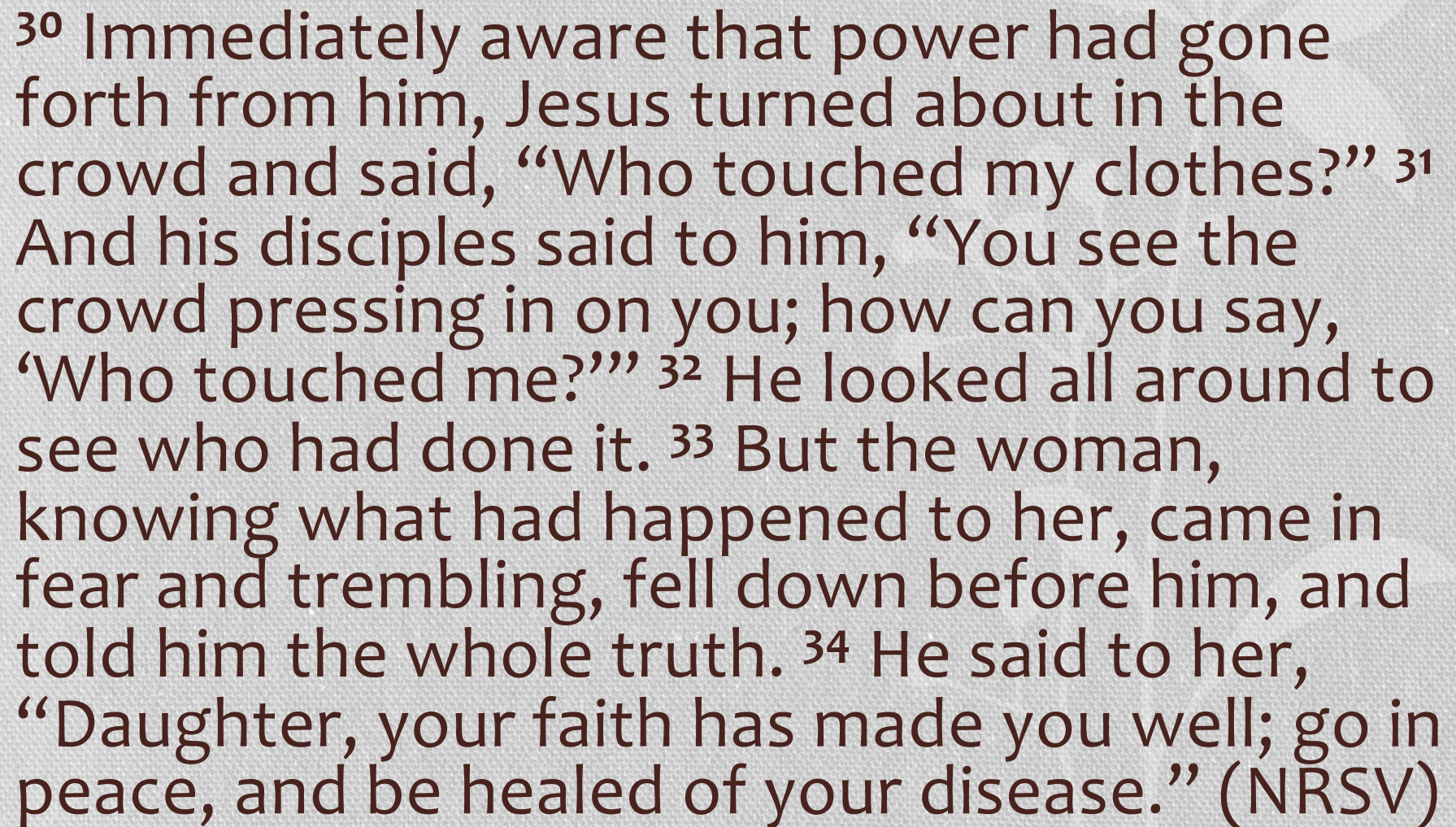
What do we learn so far?

- Jesus was followed by crowds (just back from healing the man possessed with Demons)
- Jairus is among the crowds following
 - Leader of the synagogue (stature)
 - His little daughter is near death
 - Faith that Jesus can heal his daughter by laying on hands
 - Jairus falls at Jesus' feet
 - Persistent ("begged him repeatedly")
- Jesus makes house calls

BUT AN INTERRUPTION...

The Hemorrhaging Woman

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵ Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶ She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹ Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.



³⁰ Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹ And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³² He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³ But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.” (NRSV)

What do we learn?

The Woman

- Suffering 12 years from hemorrhage
- Had called on many physicians- made worse
- Spent all her money (on healthcare)
- Was among the crowd
- Approached Jesus from behind and touched Jesus' cloak (**she had faith** Jesus will heal)
- Healed Immediately
- Jesus felt the power leave him- looked for her
- Terrified, she fessed up
- He affirms her faith and heals

What we can assume:

(see Amy-Jill Levine, "Woman with a Twelve-Year Hemorrhage," in *Women in Scripture*, ed. C. Meyers et. al, (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2000), 424.

- Mentions no house or family
- She may have had means but is now poor
- Approaches Jesus from behind
- Suffering and probably can't have children
- Not a story about ritual impurity

Note: How does Jairus' daughter and family situation differ?

Jairus' Daughter Part II

Mark 5:35 While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷ He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

39 When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” 40 And they laughed at him. Then 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 He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” 42 And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. 43 He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat. (NRSV)

What do we learn?

- While with Hemorrhaging woman, Jairus' daughter dies
- She is 12 – born when the other woman was afflicted
- Some at the house say too late
- Jesus says, "don't fear, only believe"
- Jesus takes Peter, James, and John with him
- People weeping, mock Jesus when he says she is sleeping
- Takes her hand and says get up
- Immediately she does and eats
- The people are amazed but told to keep secret

What Can we Assume?

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- Jairus is named and has status
- The parents act on behalf of their daughter
- They have a house
- They have means
- Jairus approaches Jesus from the front

Jesus' Compassion to these women

He gently calls the women who once hemorrhaged “My daughter”

- Claims her as his own
- Heals her of her disease (also means *torment, affliction*)

He takes Jairus' daughter's hand and affectionately calls her “Talitha” or “little girl”

Jesus' healing Narratives are central

- Healing is for the poor and rich
- Often Brings people back into community
- Emphasizes the “inbreaking kingdom of God. His healing ministry marked the long awaited era of salvation...” (Green, 759).
- Christological
- Connects to the cross in Mark
- A source of Good News/Gospel
- Power over evil
- They bring Hope (thanks, Pastor Rick)