

The Woman's Need to Touch Jesus

Introduction

1. Why are there so many unbelievers and those who are not trying to follow Christ in the world today? **Three possible reasons:**
 - A. Peer Pressure - Most are just “going along with the crowd.”
 - B. They do not wish to believe - They do not desire the alternative to worldliness.
 - C. They are not fully aware of Jesus and their need for Him. That is the reason Jesus told His disciples to:

Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

2. Overview

- One of the rulers of the synagogue came, urging Jesus to come so his daughter could be healed
 - On the way, a woman wanting to be healed sought to touch Jesus, even amidst a multitude of people
Luke 8:43-48
- A. This woman was aware of:
 - 1) **Jesus and His power.**
 - 2) **Her need for Him in her life.**
 - B. Nothing was going to keep her away. She knew that she needed to “touch Jesus.”

The Need to Touch Jesus

1. **(Verses 43-44** “A woman....came from behind, touched the border of His garment.”
 - A. **Many people surrounded Jesus.**
 - B. **A great effort on the part of this woman was made to get through the crowd.**
 - C. **She had a long-term illness, she had seen many doctors (many treatments), had spent all her money.**
 - D. **No satisfactory results.**
 - E. **She came to Jesus and desired to "touch Him" in a personal way.**
2. **We also have a need to “touch Jesus” in a personal way.**
 - A. **We have an illness of sin**

Romans 3:10 As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one;

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

B. Our prognosis

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

C. Our effort that is needed

- 1) Ignore - “just going along with the crowd”**
- 2) Ignore - “the peer pressures”**
- 3) Ignore - “the worldly cures”**
- 4) Ignore - “our fears”**
- 5) Ignore - “our weaknesses”**

The Need for God to Know

1. **(Verses 45-46)** “Who touched Me...Somebody touched Me, for I perceive....”
 - A. **God demands to know who is desiring of His healing power.**
— **He can know the difference between faith, curiosity, and hostility.**
 - B. **God's salvation healing is only for those who desire Him!**
— **She sought Him!**
 - C. **God expects a response from us - either YES or NO.**
 - D. **The woman had to make a choice - she responded!**
2. **Our desperate need to answer Jesus.**
 - A. **We have the ability to respond to His invitation.**
— **We are not put into impossible situations. We can respond if we so desire.**
 - B. **We are created in His image; with the ability to “know, reason, and respond”**
 - C. **God expects the “fruit of our lips.”**

Hebrews 13:15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

- D. **The woman made her choice — we too have a choice to make in our life!**
Deuteronomy 30:15-20

The Need for Mankind to Acknowledge Publicly

1. (Verse 47) “She declared **TO HIM** in the presence of all...”
 - A. She had to overcome her fears, and man's intimidation.
 - B. She came trembling, and fell down before Him!

- 1) We are told:

1 Peter 5:6-7 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

- C. Her **diligent efforts** to “touch Jesus” allowed her to receive God’s blessing! (vs 48)

2. If we are to come to Jesus, we must likewise make a diligent effort to confess Him before others. Let us not be ashamed!

Matthew 10:32-33

Romans 10:9-10 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Conclusion

- 1. Won't you come to Jesus and reach out and "touch Him" today?**
- 2. Do so, and receive His blessings, salvation, and healing for your soul.**
- 3. He is truly the great physician!**
 - A. The woman in this story understood this to the fullest. She understood that she was sick and dying and only Jesus could save her!**
 - 1) Do you?**
- 4. Won't you believe in Him and confess Him publicly? Come, and obey Him today!**
 - A. Only JESUS could save her, only JESUS can save you!**

