

“Interruptions”

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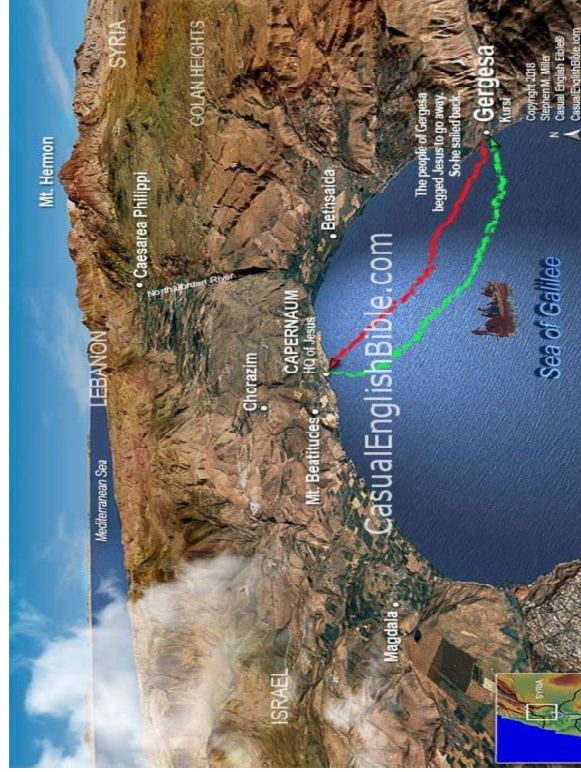
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- Where was He returning from?



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- From rejection to reception. Like John 1:11,12.

John 1:11-12

11 He came to His own, and those who were His own **did not receive Him.**

12 But **as many as received Him**, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

- Why were they waiting?

To hear Him teach.

To be healed.

To ask questions.

To see a confrontation with the religious establishment.

To thank Him.

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A Man	A Woman
Wealthy	Poor
Respected	Rejected
Synagogue Ruler	Anonymous "Nobody"
Honored	Ashamed
Leader of synagogue	Shut out of the synagogue
Wealthy	Bankrupt
Came to Jesus submissively	Came to Jesus secretly
One with 12yo child	One with 12-yr hemorrhage
12 years of Delight	12 years of Despair
All His Needs Met At the Feet of Jesus	All Her Needs Met At the Feet of Jesus

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- Jairus is a Jew.
- He was an official/ruler in the synagogue. As high as you could go.
- He was part of the religious establishment.
- He was in charge of:
 - All public services that occurred during the week and on the Sabbath.
 - All those who would speak/teach.
 - Those who read scripture.
 - Those who prayed.
 - Maintenance of the Synagogue.
- But all of that "religious stuff" he puts aside, and falls at the feet of Jesus.
- But this is a big risk.
- Jairus begs Jesus to come to his house.
- Why does he do this?

"The ground is level at the foot of the cross."

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- Here is his reason for risking all that he had: his 12 year old only daughter was dying.
- To Jairus every second counted. She could die at any time.
- Jesus is being slowed by the crowds. Is it time to panic? What would you be feeling?
- There is nothing Jairus can do about it.
- **Note:** Jesus wasn't just committed to the crowds but He was committed to individuals.
- Was it necessary for Jesus to come to his house? Could Jesus heal her without coming to the house, as He did with the centurion's servant in Luke 7?
- We might not always have our prayers right, but God's grace still grants us our heart's desire.

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Lev 15:19-22

19 'When a woman has a discharge, if her discharge in her body is blood, she shall continue in her menstrual impurity for seven days; and whoever touches her shall be unclean until evening.

20 'Everything also on which she lies during her menstrual impurity shall be unclean, and everything on which she sits shall be unclean.

21 'Anyone who touches her bed shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

22 'Whoever touches any thing on which she sits shall wash his clothes and bathe in water and be unclean until evening.

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• Luke halts this account and tells us of a major interruption that happened.

• **Note:** Jesus is used to interruptions – roof incident, demon possessed man cries out, sleeping on a boat,

• I mean, what could be worse for Jairus and his daughter?

• The crowds are bad enough but now something else?

• Here is a woman –

- who had a hemorrhage for 12 years. Long, long time.

Loss of physical strength. Weak. Could lead to death.

- who no one could heal - doctors, nurses, natural remedies. charlatans, etc.

Mark 5:25-26

25 A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years,

26 and had endured much at the hands of many physicians,

and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but

rather had grown worse

- who is ostracized by the Jewish community. She could not

touch anyone and no one could touch her... for 12

years. Ceremonially unclean to everyone and everything.

Note: The providence of God. The girl is 12 years old and this woman has been sick

for 12 years. And now they cross paths.

"According to the Law of Moses (Lev 15:19-31), she was perpetually ceremonially unclean. Whoever touched her was unclean, so that even her own family had to keep their distance unless they wanted to be defiled. Whatever she lied or sat on became unclean, so that whoever touched those objects also became unclean. If her husband had relations with her, he became unclean for a week. For a woman especially, relationships with her family and friends are the very stuff of life. In that culture, all of life revolved around the various religious feasts and celebrations at the temple, not to mention the weekly synagogue meetings. This poor woman was an outcast, cut off from her family, friends, and culture."

- Steven Cole

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• She, in some way, was able to make her way through the crowd and grab a tassel on Jesus' robe.

• This was a risk. Remember she is unclean and cannot touch anybody. She made a lot of people unclean that day, including the possibility of making Jesus unclean. She did not care.

"touched" – **απτομαι** – to attach to; to grab onto; to cling to.

• This is what differentiated her from the others that touched Jesus.

Matt 9:20-21

20 And a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak;

21 for she was saying to herself, **"If I only touch His garment, I will get well."**



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Matt 23:5

5 "But they do all their deeds to be noticed by men; for they broaden their phylacteries and lengthen the tassels of their garments.

Matt 14:34-36

34 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.
 35 And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent word into all that surrounding district and brought to Him all who were sick;
 36 and they implored Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were cured.

- Notice it immediately stopped.

- The mighty power of Jesus flowed through His body and even into His clothing. Just by touching it, you were healed.

Luke 5:17

17 One day He was teaching; and there were some Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem; and the power of the Lord was present for Him to perform healing.

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- Jesus could have just let this go and moved on . . . but He didn't.
- Jesus wants to know who grabbed the tassel. Jairus is thinking, "Who cares, let's just get to my house. My daughter is dying."



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- Peter says, "Let's be a little realistic here, Lord. Ah, Lord, You want to look around? There're a lot of people here! What do You mean who touched You?"
- Most of the people in the crowd were close to His presence but far from His power.
- "Crowds press, while faith reaches out & touches."

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- Jesus keeps pressing the question.
- He was aware that power had left His body, therefore who is the person?
- Have you ever experienced that power?
Sure you have . . .

Think about it: God releases that power when He saves you and when He sanctifies you, and in the future when He will glorify you. God feels the flow in all of those instances.

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- Here is why Jesus persisted in finding out who latched onto his garment.
- **3 reasons Jesus wants to go public with this woman:**
 1. To give her the opportunity to worship.
 2. To give her the opportunity to declare her motive.
 3. To declare her immediate healing.

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- Jesus declares her faith not only brought physical healing, but even more important, salvation.
- How do we know that?
 1. He calls her "daughter." Only time used in N.T.
 2. She is now at peace with God.
- **Note:** Jesus did not become unclean, instead she became clean.

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- Jairus was witnessing all of this with the woman.
- But now comes the bad news.
- The messenger, an unbeliever in all likelihood, tells Jairus that his daughter has died. Too many interruptions. Too much delay.
- Furthermore he tells Jairus to forget Jesus. Its over. He is too late. He can't help. Notice he calls Jesus "Teacher." He is a teacher but more than a teacher. Many people in the world think Jesus was a good teacher.

Matt 9:18

18 While He was saying these things to them, a synagogue official came and bowed down before Him, and said, "My daughter has just died; but come and **lay Your hand on her, and she will live.**"

- Jairus, in the Temple, and in the city had heard and probably witnessed the healing power of Jesus,

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- Here is the calming presence of Jesus. Just like in the boat.
- "Stop being afraid. Instead keep on believing, she will be healed."

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- Jesus comes to the house and only allows a few to enter.
- Why? To prevent confusion and chaos.

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- Look at Matt. description of this funeral -

Matt 9:23

- 23 When Jesus came into the official's house, and saw the **flute-players and the crowd in noisy disorder,**
• So the funeral is on in full swing. Funerals happen fast because there was no embalming.
• Contrast this funeral with a funeral in our society. We are silent today at a funeral. 1st century – noisy, chaotic.
• In the middle of all of this chaos, Jesus says "stop!" Matt. – "Get out, the funeral is now officially over." Here is another divine interruption.

Mark 5:39-40

- 39 And entering in, He said to them, "Why make a commotion and weep? The child has not died, but is asleep."
40 They began laughing at Him. But **putting them all out,** He took along the child's father and mother and His own companions, and entered the room where the child was.
• Jesus gives wonderful words of comfort – "she has not died, but is only asleep."

1 Cor 15:51-52

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all **sleep**, but we will all be changed,

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

1 Thess 4:13-15

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are **asleep**, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen **asleep** in Jesus.
15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen **asleep**.

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- They think what Jesus is saying is a joke.
- There will always be skeptics. Just expect to be laughed at.
- People will laugh at everything you believe until the "first raindrops" and then it will be too late!
- You can see these people were paid to mourn – they went from crying to laughing in a split second.

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"takes her by the hand" – he touches her. Again the Law says to touch a dead person makes you unclean. But Jesus makes her clean.

"Child, arise" – "little lamb, arise."

- With that, the power flowed through His body into hers.

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- She is made alive. Her healing was complete, total, and full. No progression, no partial, no waiting. Instant. Immediate.
- So much so that she was ready to eat.
- Others were probably dancing and celebrating but Jesus cares for her and gets her back into the routine of life.

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"amazed" – ἐξίσταμαι - to stand beside or outside yourself; "to be out of your mind."

- "out of their minds" with fear, wonder, amazement.
- They cannot believe the power they just witnessed.
- Jesus says they do not need to tell anyone. Why?
 1. It will bring about His death on the cross too quickly and there is still ministry to be done.
 2. It will put unneeded pressure on Jesus, which would hinder His ministry.

Application

1. Interruptions are divine appointments given by God to magnify His sovereignty and His power over every situation.
2. Life is never so dire, so hopeless, so despairing, so disappointing, that Jesus cannot perform a miracle.
3. Jesus is never in a hurry, but He is never late.

"This little girl eventually died. She had been dead, and Jesus brought her back to life, but that wasn't final resurrection life for her, and so she died again later. She probably lived many years and saw her father Jairus die and her mother also, and saw them both buried. Then later she died and her dust is somewhere in Galilean soil today. But on her dying bed did she assure her friends that she had lost her fear of death ever since she was twelve years old. She left that fear with Jesus long ago. She'd say, "The first hand I'm going to feel will be his, and the first voice I'm going to hear will say to me, 'My child, get up!'".

- Geoff Thomas