

Getting Ready for Sunday!

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 June 2024



Healing of Jairus' Daughter

Healing of the Woman in the Crowd

Mark 5:21-43



When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake.



Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet 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.



Jairus' father asked for what he wanted of Jesus many times!

Do you bring your needs to Jesus?

So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse.



She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said:

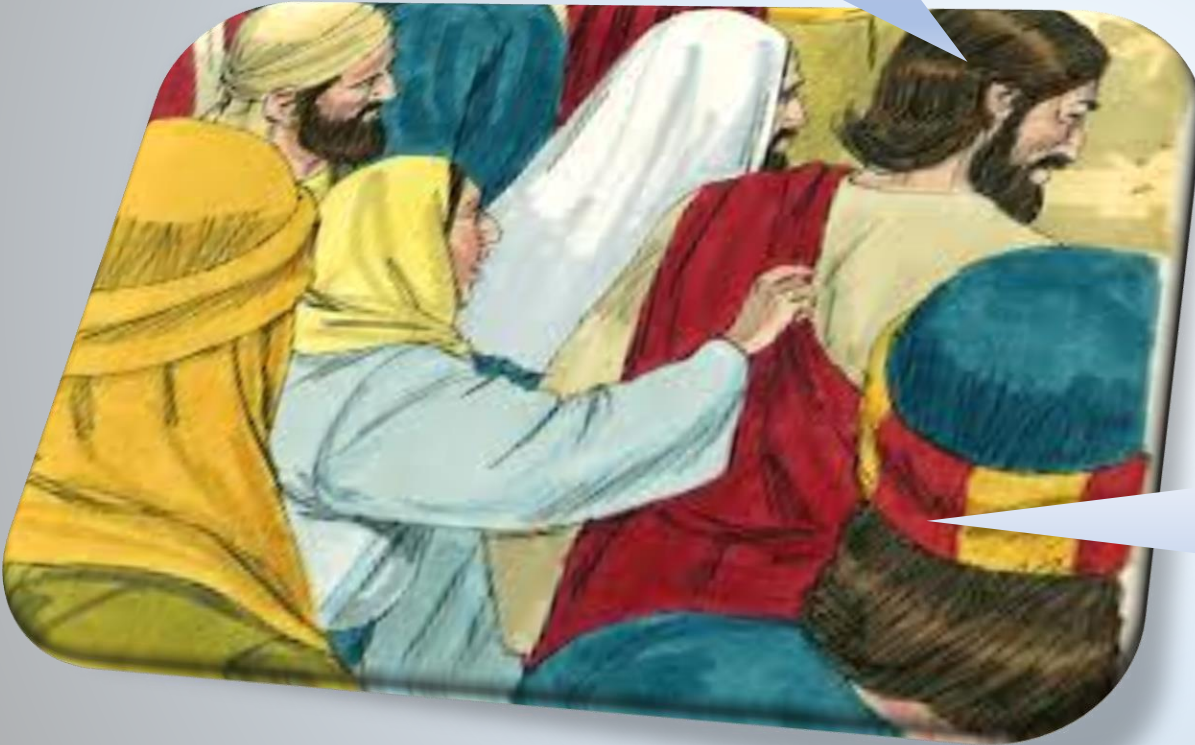
If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well



Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said:

Who touched my clothes?



You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say,

“Who touched me?”

Nothing is hidden from Jesus

He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her:

‘Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.’



The woman believed!

She trusted that Jesus would
heal her!

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?



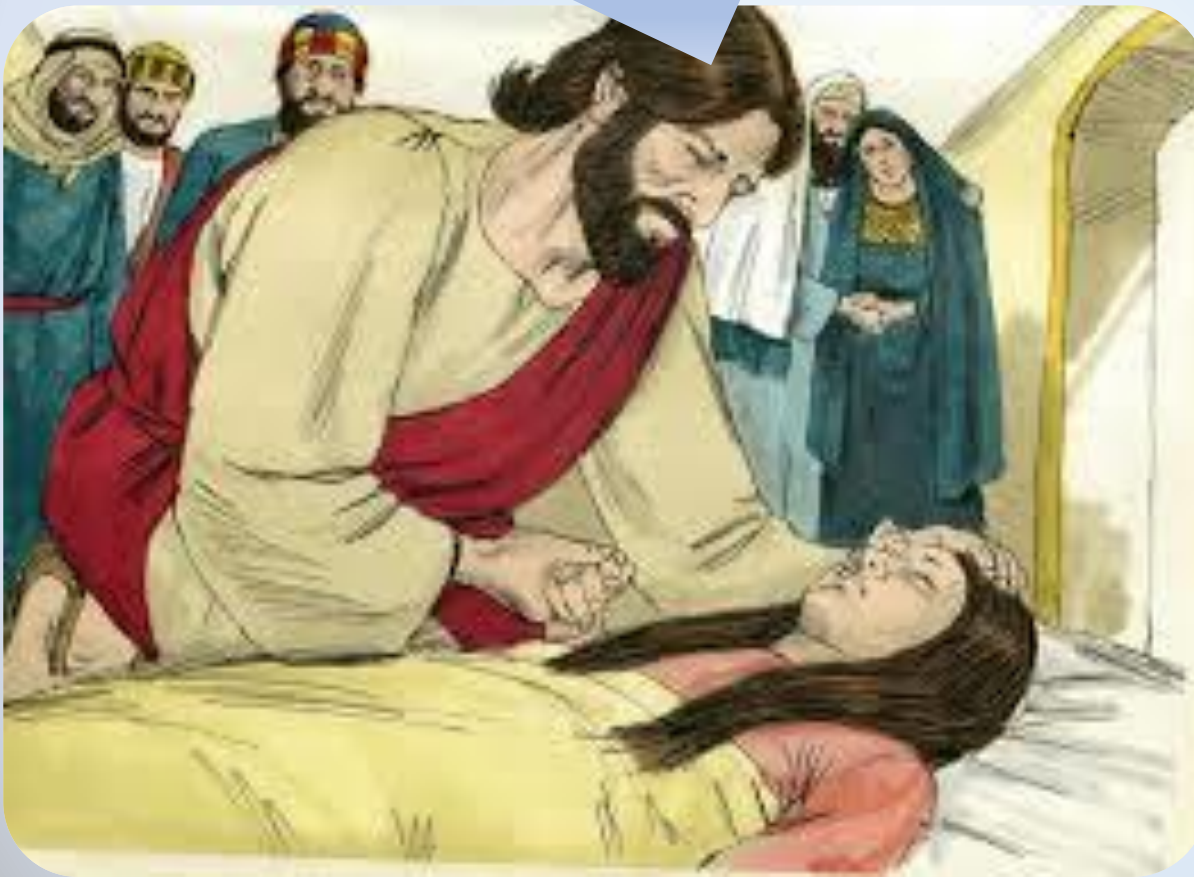
But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, Do not fear, only believe.

He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.



When he had entered, he said to them:

Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.



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.



Jesus sent those who did not believe in Him away!

He stood with those who believed and did as they asked!

Would you be among those who stayed in the room or among those sent away?

He took her by the hand and said to her:

Talitha cum: Little girl, get up



All was made well for the little girl because her parents did not give up and had hope!

And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age).

At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

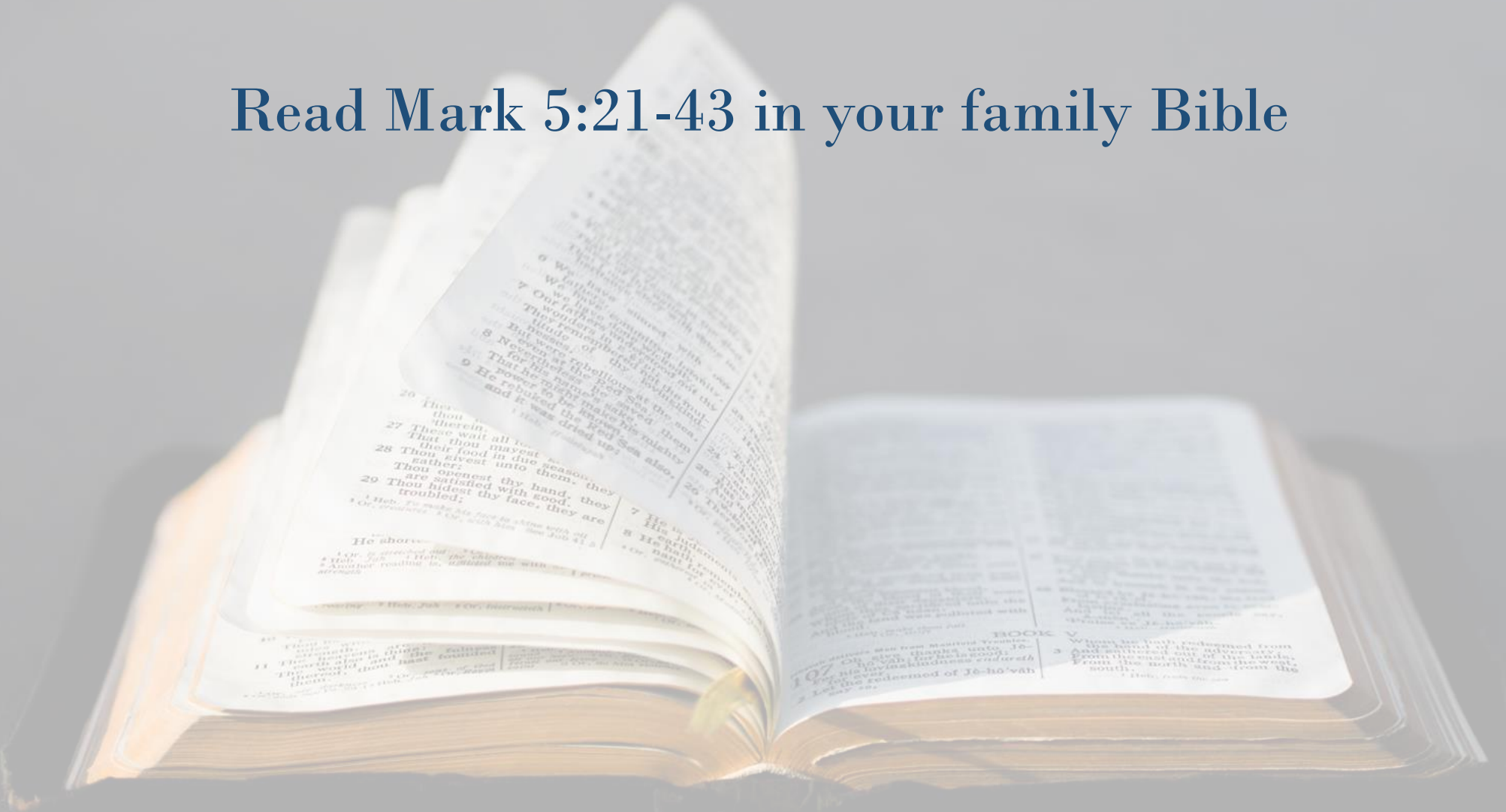


Jesus shared bread with the little girl when she was ready. He gave her food so that she would be ready to get on with her life!

At the Eucharist we receive nourishment in God's company so that we may live as Jesus through the week!

Bible Search

Read Mark 5:21-43 in your family Bible



SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 5:21-43

1. Like this woman, have you had the experience of a cure, an improvement, a success, after a long period of nothing happening? What was that like for you? What made the difference? On that occasion was there anything different in you, in others, in the circumstances – something that paved the way for the change or improvement?
2. ‘Who touched me?’ Jesus asked. It seems a strange request with crowds milling around. Many people brushed against him but the woman made contact in a different way. The same can happen in our relationships. We brush against many people but make real contact only with a few. Who are the people you have touched, and who has touched you? What difference has this made to you and to them?
3. It can also happen that there are many occasions when we brush against Jesus, and other occasions when we have a sense that we are in contact with him. What deepens your contact with Jesus?
4. When Jairus asked Jesus to come and cure his daughter, some thought there was no point. Sometimes a situation can look like a lost cause. Has it ever happened to you that subsequent events showed there was hope where you thought there was none?

Consider



When did you last feel close to Jesus?

Praying to Jesus



Pray for the grace to really believe in God.

Ask God to help you to become more trusting.



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