

The Woman Who Was Sick for Twelve Years

St. Mark 5:25-34

There was a woman who had been sick for twelve long years. She spent all her money going to doctors looking for a cure. Instead of getting better, she grew worse.

One day, in her desperation, she received hope. She heard about Jesus. Perhaps she knew someone He had healed, or was told of His great miracles. The woman said to herself, "If only I could touch His clothes, I would be made well."

When the woman went to see Jesus, there was a large crowd around Him. Although the woman was sick and weak, that didn't stop her. Slowly, she made her way through the crowd until she was near Jesus. She reached out her hand and touched the hem of his garment. Immediately she could feel that she was well!

Jesus asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

The disciples couldn't understand why Jesus would ask that question in such a crowd of people. No doubt, many people had touched Jesus, but the woman knew He was speaking of her. She came before Jesus, trembling. The woman fell at Jesus' feet and told Him everything.

Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith hath made you whole. Go in peace."

The sick woman had no hope, but then she heard about Jesus. When she humbly reached out to Jesus, He healed her. When we are sick, we too, can reach out to Him in prayer. He is our hope of healing and salvation.

Search: Jesus was in a crowd when the woman reached out to Him. Many others were also reaching out to Him. Find 10 hands hidden in the picture.



