

THE RAISING OF JAIRUS' DAUGHTER

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet, he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

As Jesus went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by any one, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you, and you say, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the

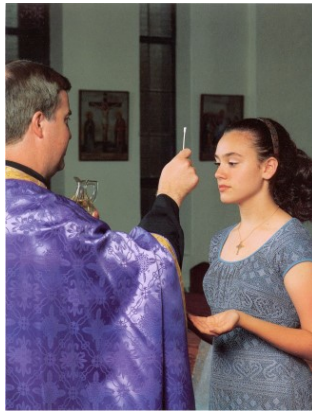


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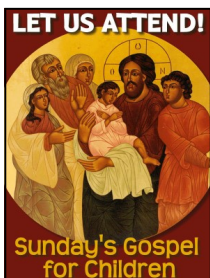
woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

While Jesus was speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only

believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. There are two episodes that make up this story. Describe each.
2. If you were in need of healing, would you have acted as the woman did in the first episode?
3. In Orthodox writing, Jesus is referred to as the Divine Physician. Jesus is the healer of our "soul and body." Where do you hear this in the Divine Liturgy?
4. Jesus told the woman to, "Go in peace." Jesus promised us the "Peace that surpasses understanding." In the Old Testament, the psalmist often spoke of "Coming into the Lord's rest." Have you experienced the peace that Jesus spoke of? How might you?
5. Do you need to be healed?



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