

The Miracles of Jesus
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Miracle: "A Happening with Which Human Reasoning Has Yet To Catch Up."

-Dr. William Augustus Jones

Miracle #14 – Jesus Heals a Woman in the Crowd

Matthew 9:20-22; **Mark 5:25-34**; Luke 8:42-48

- **Mark 5:25-29**

The condition of the woman with the flow of blood was far more serious than we would know from simply reading the accounts given in the gospels. The medical complications were significant enough, for the constant loss of blood drained her of iron and other vital minerals. Physically, she was weak and had difficulty walking without a cane. But in Judaism, such a flow of blood also made the woman ritually unclean. This menstrual disorder excluded her from most social contact.

- **Leviticus 15:25-27 (KJV)**
- **Leviticus 15:25-27 (NIV)**

Jesus was found in the temple questioning the doctors and lawyers when He was 12 years old. We will note that in the 15th Miracle of Jesus, the daughter of Jairus was 12 years old. When the Lord began in the Old Testament to set up the foundation for the New Testament Christian faith, there were 12 tribes of Israel. When believers enter the New Jerusalem, there will be 12 gates to the city, and the gates will have 12 foundations with 12 angels and the names of 12 Apostles of the Lamb and trees bearing 12 manner of fruit. The woman in this 14th miracle had a menstrual flow that lasted for 12 years.

This woman believed that if she could just touch the hem of the garment of Jesus, she would be healed. She desperately wanted Jesus to heal her, but she knew that her bleeding would cause Jesus to be unclean under Jewish law if she touched Him. Still, she reached out by faith and was healed. We should never let our problems or circumstances keep us from God.

- **Mark 5:30-34**

The woman reacted with "fear and trembling" when Jesus stopped in the middle of the crowd and asked "who touched Me?" She had some anxiety over His reaction to being touched by an

“unclean” woman. However, Jesus had such a vitalizing holiness that a simple touch from Him cleansed the unclean.

Luke says that Peter couldn’t understand why Jesus would ask who touched Him in the midst of a large crowd. Anyone pushing their way through the crowd could have touched Jesus. Peter and the disciples failed to understand that Jesus was speaking of a special kind of touch; a touch which tapped into Jesus’ unlimited source of power. It was a touch that connected with His “**virtue.**”

Virtue = power; strength; excellence.

In man/woman a person with virtue displays wisdom, courage, kindness, good manners, courtesy, modesty, generosity and self-control. They treat others fairly and esteem others highly and value the sanctity of life. Someone who has virtue has good, moral ethics and makes choices based on Biblical principles.

- **Proverbs 31:10**
- **Philippians 4:8**
- **John 3:2**

Jesus told the woman “your faith has made you whole.” Here we have a full picture of salvation.

- The flow of blood had drained her physically;
- The flow of blood made her socially unclean and isolated her from others in the community;
- The flow of the blood made her religiously unclean, and cut her off from worship in the temple.

The healing virtue of Jesus saved her physically by restoring her health; saved her socially by restoring her fellowship with others in the community and saved her spiritually by enabling her to once again join those who worshiped God in the temple.

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