

Matthew 9:18-26 The Twin Miracles

Introduction: I have called these miracles twins because there are two, because they came along at the same time and because they have some likenesses and contrasts. They are both linked together in one event. They both involve a twelve year period. The girl was twelve years old; the woman had an illness for twelve years. Both were dying. The girl was dying swiftly and the woman slowly. Both made contact with Jesus. The woman touched Jesus; Jesus touched the girl.

I. The opening scene.

- A. Jesus was talking with the disciples of John when a man interrupted. Verse 18
 - 1. The man was not trying to be rude, but was distressed.
 - 2. He is the ruler of a synagogue. (Jairus, Mark and Luke)
- B. He was distressed about his daughter.
 - 1. The King James Version reads that she was already dead.
 - 2. The verse could be translated “at the point of death”.
 - 3. Both Mark and Luke say that she was alive when the father left to look for Jesus.
- C. He believed that Jesus could heal her.
 - 1. He knew the scriptures that the Messiah could heal. Matthew 8:17
 - 2. He had probably heard Jesus and believed Him to be the Messiah.
 - 3. He had probably seen Jesus performing miracles.
 - 4. If not he had heard testimonies of those healed by Jesus.
- D. Jesus had compassion and left immediately for his home. Verse 19

II. A second interruption.

- A. A woman followed behind Jesus who had hemorrhaged for twelve years.
 - 1. She too was nearing death.
 - 2. She was not allowed to attend worship in the Temple or synagogue because she was unclean. Leviticus 15:19-25
 - 3. She had not been allowed to touch her husband or children for twelve years. (He probably divorced her.)
- B. She too know about Jesus and believed He could heal her.
- C. She touched the hem (fringe) of His garment.
 - 1. She was afraid to touch in a way that He might feel her touch. (Afraid He might disapprove and not heal her.)
 - 2. But she believed that by touching she would be healed.
- D. Jesus knew. He stopped and informed her that her faith had made her whole.
 - 1. There was no power in her faith to heal; the power was in Jesus.
 - 2. But her faith was the channel thru which the power was applied to her need.

III. The second miracle.

- A. When Jesus came to the home of Jairus the child was dead.
 - 1. They were met by messengers who so informed Jairus.
 - 2. The minstrels were singing and the mourners were making a loud noise.
- B. Jesus sought to comfort the crowd by telling them that she only slept.
 - 1. He was not denying the reality of death, but informing them that she would arise from death as one who arises from sleep.
 - 2. The crowd laughed him to scorn.
- C. Jesus put the crowd forth and brought the girl back to life. (Soon the mourning turned to rejoicing.)

IV. Some things illustrated.

- A. That death comes to all.
 - 1. This is because all have sinned.
 - 2. Some die quickly and some slowly but all die.
 - 3. Some die young and some old, but all die.
 - 4. Therefore all need to be saved.
- B. That it is impossible for one to save himself.
 - 1. It was impossible for the woman to find any other cure; (She had tried for twelve years.)
 - 2. It was impossible for the dead girl to arise on her own power.
- C. That faith is the channel thru which one is saved. Acts 16:31; John 3:16; John 3:18
- D. That the saved should be concerned about the lost.
 - 1. As the father was concerned about his daughter.
 - 2. We should do all we can to get them in contact with Jesus. (Bring Jesus to them.)
- E. The unsaved should be concerned about themselves.
 - 1. As the woman was concerned about herself.
 - 2. Nobody brought her to Jesus nor Jesus to her, but she knew her own need of Jesus.
- F. That Jesus will raise His redeemed in the resurrection.

Conclusion: If there is one here unsaved I am calling upon you to trust Jesus now. If you have unsaved friends or family I am calling upon you to seek to bring the message of Jesus to them.

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