



Touching Jesus

Mark 5:22-34

Mark 5:24-26 - Her Suffering

- Mark 5:24-26 - “So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him. 25 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, 26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.”

Mark 5:24-26 - Her Suffering

- Her affliction (physical discomfort)
- Her anguish (medical mistreatment)
- Her angst (social embarrassment)
- Her agony (emotional torment)
- Her anxiety (religious fears)
- Her apprehension (financial troubles)

Mark 5:24-26 - Her Suffering

- Her condition is like that of every person who has not been saved by the Gospel of Jesus Christ
 - Rom. 3:10 - “As it is written: There is none righteous, no, not one”
 - Rom. 3:23 - “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

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- Rom. 6:23 - “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- Gal. 3:22 - “But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.”
- Psalm 9:17 - “The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God.”

Mark 5:27-28 - Her Scheme

- Mark 5:27-28 - “When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. 28 For she said, If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.”

Mark 5:27-28 - Her Scheme

- Her reasons - Somewhere, this woman heard about Jesus and His power.
 - Mark 5:1-20
 - Christianity is about one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread.

Mark 5:27-28 - Her Scheme

- Her resolve - She knew she had to get to Him
 - She displayed determination in getting to Jesus
 - She was taking a great risk
 - She was in all likelihood weakened by her condition

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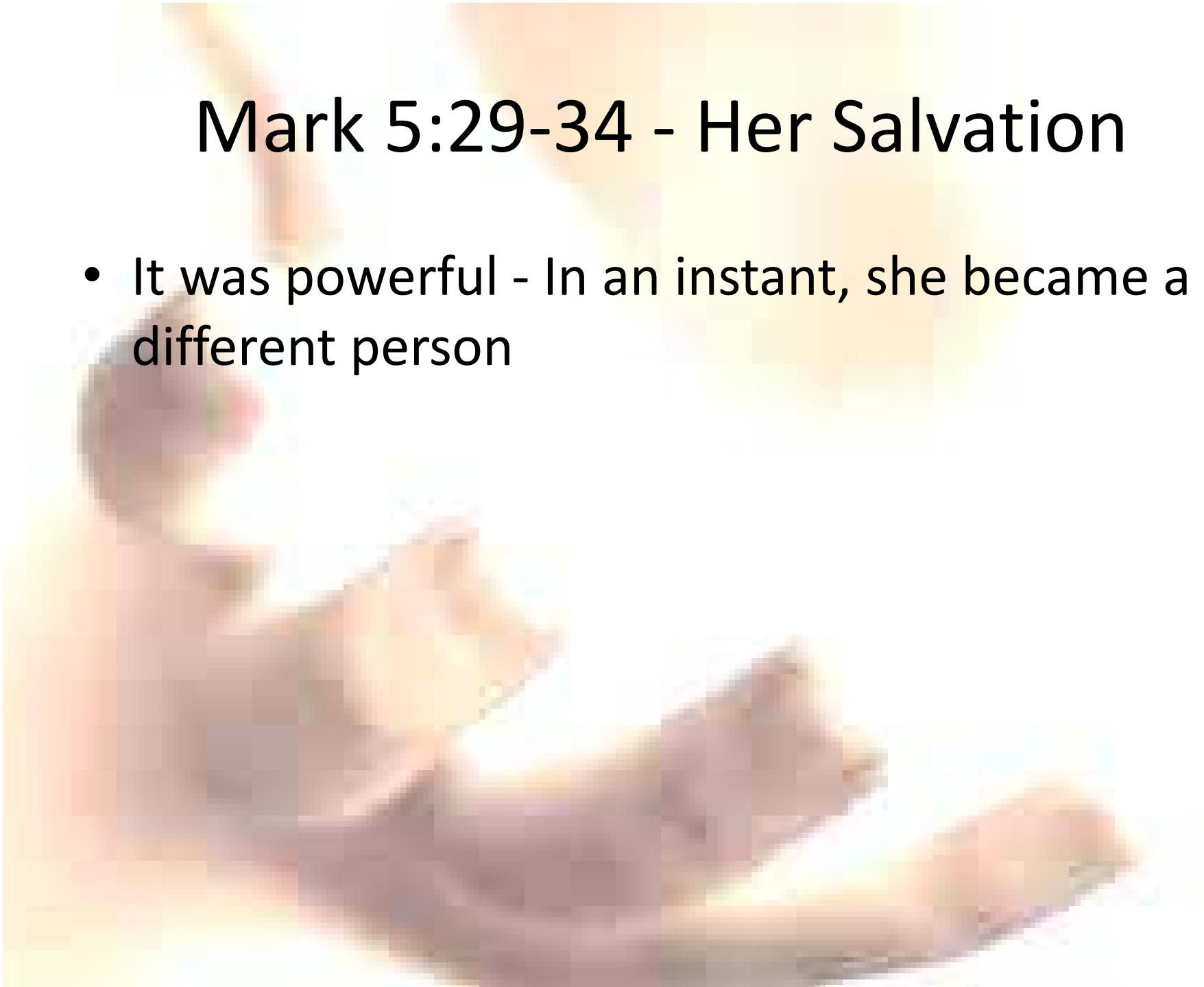
- Jesus is our only hope
 - Acts 4:12 - “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
 - John 6:66-68 - “From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. 67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, Do you also want to go away? 68 But Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”
 - John 14:6 - “Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

Mark 5:29-34 - Her Salvation

- Mark 5:29-34 - “Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, Who touched My clothes? 31 But His disciples said to Him, You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' 32 And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. 33 But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. 34 And He said to her, Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.”

Mark 5:29-34 - Her Salvation

- It was powerful - In an instant, she became a different person



Mark 5:29-34 - Her Salvation

- It was personal
 - There was a multitude pressing in on Him, but none of them received a healing. Why is that? It was a touch driven by faith.
 - Jesus could have let her walk away well, but He wanted her to know that it was faith that made the difference
 - She came in fear of Him, possibly of rejection, but Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath

Mark 5:29-34 - Her Salvation

- It was personal
 - The business of the universe was put on hold as Jesus turned His full attention on this poor woman
 - This woman, cast out and uncared for by everyone else, caught the attention of God because she exercised simple faith

Mark 5:29-34 - Her Salvation

- Jesus became a man so He could die on the cross
 - Phil. 2:5-8 - “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”

Mark 5:29-34 - Her Salvation

- But He also became a man so that He could be touched with the feeling of our infirmities
 - Heb. 4:15-16 - “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need”
- He became flesh so He could touch and be touched by humankind. Until He was born into this world when the Son of God became the Son of Man, no one could touch Deity.

Mark 5:29-34 - Her Salvation

- It was profound - He calls her “daughter”
 - All her adult life, she was an outcast, dwelling in isolation and loneliness. One moment with Jesus and she has a family.

Mark 5:29-34 - Her Salvation

- In Christ, we are blessed beyond our ability to comprehend
 - We are children of God - 1John 3:1-2
 - We have a home waiting for us in Heaven - John 14:1-3
 - We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus - Rom. 8:17
 - We have a new life - 2Cor. 5:17
 - We are free from the dominion of sin - Rom. 6:14
 - We are no longer God's enemies - Rom. 8:7
 - We have been restored to Him - Eph. 2:12-19
 - We have been fully forgiven - Col. 2:13-14

Touching Jesus

- One fleeting touch of the Christ, and this woman was given a new life
- For us, what was lost in the Garden of Eden was regained on the Hill of Calvary.

