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Jesus Heals & makes Worthy

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Overview

Luke's Gospel, chapter 8, I'm going to read verses 40 to 48, and I need to set this up and tell you in advance that Jesus has just been in the region known as the Gatorines, and he has just released a man of many devils, and then the people there got discouraged by this because the deliverance of that man caused some farmers some grief. Now obviously there were Gentile farmers, they were raising peameal bacon, and all of a sudden their pigs leaped into the sea.

They begged Jesus, get out of here before you salvaged some more lives. And that's just like the world today. And so Jesus, it says in the next verse, that now he arrived back again. So he's crossed the Sea of Galilee back into the area known as Galilee. I want to mention this very quickly.

During the time when Jesus was ministering, there were three distinct areas that are mentioned, the area of the Gatorines that was sort of on the side, but there were three distinct areas. There was Judea, Samaria, and Galilee. You check this out.

Every time that it says Jesus went to Judea, it says, and he went up to Judea. But every time that Jesus went to Samaria, it says, and Jesus went down to Samaria. Up to Judea, down to Samaria. But when it says he went into Galilee, it just says, and Jesus went into Galilee. I want to remind you of this that up in Judea, he was repelled. They were smarter than him. They were righteous. Judea was the home of Jerusalem. It was the place where David had celebrated the Lord. It was the place of higher learning. It was where the temple had been built and where sacrifices had been given to the Lord.

So if you were from Judea, you were definitely from Ontario. If you're from Alberta, well, you know the rest of the story. That was supposed to be funny. I lived in Alberta.

They really feel like outcasts, and as of right now, even more. And so the people down in Samaria, however, they wouldn't listen to Jesus. Remember Jesus went to a well and spoke to a woman at the well of Samaria. And she didn't reject him, but she, it as much as said, why are you talking to me?

Have you lost your way?

Have you forgotten where you are?

I'm down here in Samaria. The people up in Judea reject us and they want nothing to do with us. They consider us to be less than dogs. To the woman in Samaria, he basically said, come on up. To the people up in Judea, he said, you better come down. But the people in Galilee, they responded favorably. I want to remind you of something else about this Galilee. It was prayed in the back room before it came out here by a certain minstrel that Lord helped Brother David to go down a rabbit hole.

We're going down there right now.

So I just want to, I never intended to share this with you, but in Galilee, they were people who believed up in Judea...they wanted to know, think about this, the bread and the fishes. If Jesus had tried and do bread and fishes up in Judea, guess what the people would have asked?

Is it kosher?

If Jesus had tried to meet the needs of the people down in Samaria, they would have said what's he up to? But in Galilee, a few elements of fish, a few crusts of bread, they saw what he had in his hand. Thousands were sitting there. You think about it. What's the big miracle when Jesus multiplied the bread and the fish? It sounds like I just asked a rhetorical question.

The bread and the fish. Is that the big miracle?

I say, nah nah!

The big miracle was when Jesus held up a little bit of bread and a little bit of fish and said, dinner is served, they sat down and prepared to eat. That is faith.

So do you live up in Judea? You live in down in Samaria, I invite you to meet us and Jesus in the Galilee. So Jesus is on his way back to Galilee by boat and it came to pass that when Jesus had returned, the people gladly received him, for they were all waiting for him on the seashore.

There was a huge crowd. We know that. We're going to see it in moments. Huge crowd.

And behold, there came a man named Jairus and he's identified as a ruler of the synagogue.

That means he was high up, probably maybe from Judea, we're uncertain of that.

If he's a ruler of the synagogue, he's pretty high up there in the echelon and he fell down to Jesus' feet and besought him, please come to my house. I want to mention right here that the first person that got to Jesus among the thousands is this man. Without a doubt, people saw him and although the crowd was tremendous, they got out of this man's way, he got to be the first in line to address Jesus.

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God wanted Jesus' attention, but this guy got Jesus' attention.

He only had one daughter, 12 years of age, and she was dying.

But as he went, the people thronged him. What it leaves out here is that Jesus was responding and you have to read that into it. The man, Jairus, begged Jesus, my daughter's dying, please come. And the next words were, and as he went, the people thronged him.

So Jesus is making his way towards the house of Jairus. And it was almost impossible for him to make a move. Crowd, huge, huge, crowd, he can hardly move.

A woman who had an issue of blood lasting 12 years hemorrhaging, she had spent all of her money on physicians, but none could help her. This woman came behind him and touched the border of his garment, and immediately that hemorrhaging ceased.

Jesus turned and said, who just touched me?

Get a picture, thousands around pushing and shoving. Women clearly had been reaching out, men reaching out. A man may be holding a very sick child, reaching out and trying to get a hold of Jesus' arm, trying to get his attention. My baby, my baby, thousands trying to get his attention, thousands touching him at one moment or another, and the master turns and says, wait a minute, somebody just touched me. Peter says, master, the crowd is so big. They're all pressing you, and you ask this question of us, anybody know who touched me?

And Jesus replies, no, no, no, no.

She touched me, for I perceive that virtue, healing power just went out of me.

I get thrilled when I read that. When the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, falling down before him. Why is she trembling?

And why does she drop down before him? You might say, well, I think she would drop down before him because she realized he had such glorious authority.

She touched him and suddenly virtue flowed out of him.

He's a man of authority.

You better be careful.

He's calling on you, and you better respond appropriately.

So she declares to him, and she says so out loud, so lots of people heard her, the reason that she had touched him.

And she mentions that she was immediately healed.