

How to Respond to the Power and Authority of Jesus Luke 8:40-56

Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him.

A Jesus' Conversation with Jairus (8:40-42)

- And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue.
- And falling at Jesus' feet, he implored 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 around him.

B Hidden Presence of the Woman (8:43)

- And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood
- for twelve years, and
- though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone.

C Jesus' Healing of the Woman (8:44)

- She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased.

A1 Jesus' Conversation with Peter (8:45-46)

- And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?"
- When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!"
- But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me."

B1 Public Presence of the Woman (8:47)

- And when the 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.

C1 Jesus' Healing of the Woman (8:48)

- And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

A2 Jesus' Conversation with Someone from the Ruler's House (8:49-50)

- While he was still speaking, someone 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 will be well."

B2 Hidden Presence of the Girl (8:51-53)

- And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child.
- And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, "Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping."
- And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.

C2 Jesus' Healing of the Girl (8:54-56)

- But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And he 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.

Contrasts of the ruler and the Woman

Synagogue Ruler	Unnamed Woman
Male	Female
Position	Unknown
Public encounter	Silent encounter
Invited to his house	Came to Jesus
Early stages of pain	Chronic pain
Speaks on behalf of a family member	Speaks on behalf of herself
No financial costs	Financially bankrupt
Private meeting with Jesus	Public meeting with Jesus
Jesus touched the child's hand	She touched the fringe of Jesus' garment
Jesus speaks to him to believe	Jesus questions who touched him
Told to keep the miracle quiet	Told to proclaim the miracle publicly

Saved By Faith: The Explanation of the Ruler's and Woman's Faith

For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God.

All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

“Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.”

“The venom of asps is under their lips.” “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”

“Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery,
and the way of peace they have not known.” “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law. (Romans 3:10-31 ESV)