

"His Robe for Mine" (4 Part Christmas Series)
"The Robe of Healing"
Dec. 11, 2011

Scripture Reading –Luke 4:18-19

When we touch the robe of Jesus we receive healing!

1. Desperation.

"...all those who had afflictions pressed around Him in order to touch Him." (Mark 3:10)

"A woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse..." (Mark 5:25-26)

"...to set free those who are oppressed." (Lk. 4:18b)

2. Decision.

- Learn about Jesus.

"...after hearing about Jesus..." (Mark 5:27)

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ." (Rom. 10:17)

- Look for Jesus.

"Seek the Lord while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near." (Isa. 55:6)

"...she came up in the crowd behind Him..." (Mark 5:27)

"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?" (Matt. 2:2)

- Lean upon Jesus.

"...touched His cloak, for she thought, "If I just touch His garments, I will get well." (Mark 5:27b-28)

"Your faith has made you well." (34)

3. Deliverance!

"Immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction." (Mark 5:29)

"Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you and how He had mercy on you." (Mark 5:19)

"You will call His name Jesus for He will save His people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21)

Application:

1. In what way do you need the healing power of Jesus? Reach out to Him right now.
2. This Christmas, pray for opportunities to share with people the difference Jesus has made in your life.

Bible Study Questions/ Discussion
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1. Read Luke 8:43-48. Share a time in your life where you felt overwhelmed or "desperate" to find a solution. Describe the kind of people that came to Jesus according to Mark 3:10. What did they want to do? Why? Discuss the need we have for "meaningful touch." (Matt. 8:3; 28:9)
2. Discuss the medical dilemma of the woman in the story in Mark 5:25-26. Have you ever been in a situation where the doctors did not know how to help you or a loved one? (Share some strange home remedies that you have tried when nothing else worked) Have you ever had long term illnesses? What happens emotionally when there is long term, unanswered problems? (Lk. 8:43)
3. Why did Jesus come to this earth? (Lk. 4:18-19) What does it mean to be "oppressed?" (Also Matt. 11:28) What kind of people or situations in our community do we find people "oppressed?"
4. When you are "desperate" what decision needs to be made? (Matt. 5:27; Rom. 10:17) When a person comes to Christ they need to learn the correct perspective of Jesus. Discuss what the people teach about Jesus.
 - Heb. 1:3; Jn. 1:1,14 –
 - Jn. 17:8 –
 - Jn. 6:38 –
 - Phil. 2:6-11 –
 - Acts 10:38 –
 - Matt. 28:18 –
 - Jn. 14:6 –
5. Many people have different ideas of what it means to have faith. Study the following passages and clarify the Biblical view of faith.
 - Prov. 3:5-6 –
 - Jn. 7:17 –
 - Matt. 11:29 –
 - Matt. 16:24 –
 - I Thess. 2:13 –
 - 2 Cor. 5:7; Gal. 2:20 –
6. What was the woman willing to do in her desperation? (Mk. 5:27-28) What were the magi willing to do? (Matt. 2:1-2) What series of decisions were necessary in their journey? What does the Lord expect from people in the process of helping us? (Isa. 55:6)
7. The act of touching the robe of Jesus brought healing to her. Why? (Mark 5:34) What dangers occur in the area of religion concerning superstition –the need to touch certain things to get God's blessing?
8. The woman was miraculously healed. (Mk. 5:29) Have you seen the healing power of Jesus? (Physical, Emotional, Spiritual?) What was the primary reason for Christ coming to this earth? (Matt. 1:21) Pray for people this Christmas to come to Jesus for healing in their lives.