

A WOMAN TOUCHES JESUS' GARMENT

LUKE 8: 41-56

Have you ever walked through a cemetery and seen grave markers for little children? How sad the mother and father are, when their little child dies. Today's Bible story from Luke chapter 8 is about a father who was afraid his only daughter was going to die.

One of the leaders of the local Jewish church came to Jesus and told Him "My little daughter is very sick and I'm afraid she is going to die. O please come and lay hands on her so she will get well again." In the crowd following Jesus, was a woman who had a disease. She had this disease for 12 years and no doctor could cure her. She had spent all her money trying to get help. When she heard that Jesus was in town, she said to herself, "If I can only touch Him, I can get well." So she pushed her way through the crowd, came up behind Jesus and touched the hem of his coat. As soon as she did, her sickness was totally cured. Immediately, Jesus asked the people, "Who touched me?" His disciples were surprised and said "the whole crowd is pushing and touching you." But when the woman saw He knew what she had done, she came trembling and fearful and fell at Jesus' feet and told all the people why she had touched him and how in a moment she had been made well. "Daughter, do not be afraid" Jesus said to her. "Because of your faith in me, you are healed."

While Jesus was still talking to the woman, a messenger arrived to tell the little girl's father "Your child is dead. It's of no use for the Master to come now." But Jesus told the father, "Only have faith. Believe in me and she will come back to life." When they arrived at the house, Jesus said to the people; "Why are you weeping? The child is not dead. She is only asleep." Jesus meant that she would soon be alive again...like waking up from sleep. But they didn't believe Him. They laughed him to scorn because they knew that she was really dead. They did not understand His words at all. They didn't believe Him. Then Jesus and 3 of his disciples, Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the dead child went into the room where the little girl lay. Jesus took her hand and said "Get up little girl." The little girl, who was 12 years old, jumped up and started walking. Then Jesus said to give her something to eat.

Are you going to heaven when you die? The Bible says that if we ask Jesus to forgive our sins and come into our heart that one day when we die we will go to heaven to be with Him forever. You see, Jesus died on the cross for our sins so that we can live with God in Heaven. Not because we are that good, but because Jesus is that good and perfect. And He is the one who died for us, taking God's punishment for our sin. Read today's story in your Bible in Luke chapter 8 verses 41 to 56.