

A Study Through Matthew pt. 21

A Matter of Faith - 11/24/2024

Matthew 9:18-31 NLT - ¹⁸ As Jesus was saying this, the leader of a synagogue came and knelt before him. "My daughter has just died," he said, "but you can bring her back to life again if you just come and lay your hand on her."¹⁹ So Jesus and his disciples got up and went with him.²⁰ Just then a woman who had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding came up behind him. She touched the fringe of his robe,²¹ for she thought, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed."²² Jesus turned around, and when he saw her he said, "Daughter, be encouraged! Your faith has made you well." And the woman was healed at that moment.²³ When Jesus arrived at the official's home, he saw the noisy crowd and heard the funeral music.²⁴ "Get out!" he told them. "The girl isn't dead; she's only asleep." But the crowd laughed at him.²⁵ After the crowd was put outside, however, Jesus went in and took the girl by the hand, and she stood up!²⁶ The report of this miracle swept through the entire countryside.²⁷ After Jesus left the girl's home, two blind men followed along behind him, shouting, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"²⁸ They went right into the house where he was staying, and Jesus asked them, "Do you believe I can make you see?" "Yes, Lord," they told him, "we do."²⁹ Then he touched their eyes and said, "Because of your faith, it will happen."³⁰ Then their eyes were opened, and they could see! Jesus sternly warned them, "Don't tell anyone about this."³¹ But instead, they went out and spread his fame all over the region.

I. _____ OF GREAT _____

Mark 5:25-34 NLT - ²⁵ A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding.²⁶ She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse.²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe.²⁸ For she thought to herself, "If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed."²⁹ Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition.³⁰ Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?"³¹ His disciples said to him, "Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, 'Who touched me?'"³² But he kept on looking around to see who had done it.³³ Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done.³⁴ And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over."

Matthew 9:27-31 NLT - ²⁷ After Jesus left the girl's home, two blind men followed along behind him, shouting, "Son of David, have mercy on us!"²⁸ They went right into the house where he was staying, and Jesus asked them, "Do you believe I can make you see?" "Yes, Lord," they told him, "we do."²⁹ Then he touched their eyes and said, "Because of your faith, it will happen."³⁰ Then their eyes were opened, and they could see! Jesus sternly warned them, "Don't tell anyone about this."³¹ But instead, they went out and spread his fame all over the region.

II. _____ OUR _____

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Hebrews 11:1 NLT - Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.

Hebrews 11:32-40 NLT - ³² How much more do I need to say? It would take too long to recount the stories of the faith of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and all the prophets.³³ By faith these people overthrew kingdoms, ruled with justice, and received what God had promised them. They shut the mouths of lions,³⁴ quenched the flames of fire, and escaped death by the edge of the sword. Their weakness was turned to strength. They became strong in battle and put whole armies to flight.³⁵ Women received their loved ones back again from death. But others were tortured, refusing to turn from God in order to be set free. They placed their hope in a better life after the resurrection.³⁶ Some were jeered at, and their backs were cut open with whips. Others were chained in prisons.³⁷ Some died by stoning, some were sawed in half, and others were killed with the sword. Some went about wearing skins of sheep and goats, destitute and oppressed and mistreated.³⁸ They were too good for this world, wandering over deserts and mountains, hiding in caves and holes in the ground.³⁹ All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised.⁴⁰ For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us.