

# Dig-a-bit Month 6 Episode 2

## Conversations: Healing in Multitudes

[00:00:00] Hi there. I just want to do a quick dig a bit again from our text about the woman who had the issue of blood. We find her in three of the Gospels, but I'm looking right now at the Gospel of Luke. And we were asked to read a couple of chapters prior. to the healing of this woman in, I believe that was Luke 8, but we were asked to read Luke chapter 5 and 6 to get the context of the kind of healing that Jesus was doing.

And I just think it's interesting and worthy of pointing out here when we're talking about conversations of Jesus with women and what He said to this woman, that it wasn't. It's so unusual for crowds to be thronging about the Lord and for people to be healed, multiple people at the time, in the [00:01:00] presence of or by the touch of Jesus.

I don't think about that as much as I should maybe, but it even calls to my mind how the malice against Jesus had to be so great. inbred in the Jews, really, for them to take him to the cross when it was so evident that many people had been healed by and thus privy to the great power that Jesus exhibited on earth.

Lots of people knew about this power and lots of people had been healed. And many more people knew about those healings because it would be in the middle of multitudes of people. And so that's just the main thing that I wanted us to see here is that when Jesus said, Power has gone out of me, or virtue has left me, that was [00:02:00] not the first time that had happened.

That was not an anomaly. To the disciples. And so as we look at Luke 6, that we've just been reading, Luke 6 verses 17 and following. He came down with them and stood in the plain and the company of his disciples and a great multitude of people out of all Judea and Jerusalem and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases.

And those who were vexed with unclean spirits, and they were healed. And the whole multitude, listen, sought to touch him. For there went virtue or power out of him, and healed them all. At this point, he was doing mass healings. And so there was great evidence that God was visiting [00:03:00] earth. There was divinity in the human form that they were seeing Jesus Christ.

They not only recognized it, but it seems like many, many people were coming to Jesus and recognizing in faith that he had this ability from a divine ability to heal people. And then they, of course, could testify of that after their healings. And so, it was a lot of people. We also can, attest to that from Matthew chapter 15.

And turn there, Matthew chapter 15. And this would be verses 29 and following. It says there, Well, it's interesting here because We just read that people from Tyre and Sidon were coming to Jesus. And so this is just following the [00:04:00] woman from Tyre who came to get help for her daughter who had the unclean spirit.

And she was not a Jew. she was from Tyre. And of course, Tyre and Sidon were mentioned by Jesus as being cities that were known for wickedness. And so We have this whole exchange between Jesus about how that the Jews were first in line for the revelation and the miraculous from the Lord and then he went ahead and healed her daughter.

So as we're reading that, it says in verse 29, so Jesus departed from there and came near to the Sea of Galilee and went up into a mountain and he sat down there and great multitudes came to him, having with him those who were lame, Those who are blind, those who couldn't speak, those who couldn't walk, and many others.

And they cast these people down at Jesus feet, and He healed them. In [00:05:00] so much, that the multitude wondered, that is, they were amazed and marveled, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to behold, the lame to walk, the blind to see, and they glorified the God of Israel. So we have a lot of people at one time being healed.

And so this fact that the multitude was thronging Him in our account where Jesus was on His way to the house of the officer and the woman with the issue of blood kind of went under the radar through the feet of people and touched the fringe of His garment. Perhaps that was not that unusual, but we, because we know that many, many people were healed at one time.

I just can't imagine the Pharisees and the Sadducees and the Scribes and the Rulers being around that [00:06:00] kind of mass healing and still trying to find ways to cover it up so that they could eventually, and when they couldn't cover it up, they eventually. Took Jesus to the cross. Just a very interesting thing that this touching of Jesus Was probably not a new phenomenon as the woman who

had the issue of blood touched Jesus I do also want to point out before we leave this that it wasn't always that way.

It wasn't always that Jesus healed Everyone that he could have healed at a certain moment of time one example of that would be the Pool of Bethesda in John 5, where Jesus healed the man who was trying desperately to get to the water for what he perceived would be healing from being put in the water.

There were apparently a lot of people around there because he said someone else always beats me to the water. And Jesus apparently just [00:07:00] healed one of those people. Well, I'm gonna say that there could be multiple reasons for that, but one thing that we know for sure is that Jesus used the miraculous to prove that He was the Son of God and to prepare the groundwork for what we have in the Holy Scriptures today.

It was to confirm the words that He was speaking. And so I'm sure there were times when No one was listening or when there wouldn't be a confirmation. And that is surmising on my part, but the miracles of Jesus were not done simply always out of compassion. Simply. I think that Jesus was a very compassionate person.

The Bible says he was the Bible. Of course it was perfect in every way, but he [00:08:00] was. The Bible says he looked out over Jerusalem and cried. He was empathetic and sorrowful for the suffering that people were enduring and Jesus looked upon people and had compassion on them. We read that several times throughout Jesus ministry about his compassion.

So it wasn't that he didn't love people. But the purpose, the primary purpose of miracles, and we have to get this because it helps our understanding of so much more. The primary purpose of miracles was to confirm the words that Jesus was speaking and the words that his apostles would write in our New Testaments.

And in that way, the Bible that you are digging deeply into is very much the tangible product of the miraculous. That's what it is. We wouldn't have the Bible were it not for the miraculous. And so I'm grateful for those miracles.

[00:09:00] Just interesting, thought behind the scripture when we're reading about this woman and she touched Jesus.

Apparently it was a common thing throughout this part of Jesus ministry for lots of people to be thronging Him and for people to desire to touch Him. and know in faith that he had the ability to heal them. I hope that you're enjoying this dig as much as I am. I'm about to move, in my study, to the, deformed woman that

we read about in Luke 13, and I'm interested to understand more about that conversation.

Alright, I hope you have a good day.