



## Daily Verse and Comment

### [Matthew 9:20-22](#)

(20) And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: (21) For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. (22) But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

### [Mark 5:25-34](#)

(25) And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, (26) And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, (27) When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. (28) For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. (29) And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. (30) And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? (31) And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? (32) And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. (33) But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. (34) And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

### [Luke 8:43-48](#)

(43) And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, (44)

Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd. (45) And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? (46) And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me. (47) And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately. (48) And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

*King James Version*

The healing of a woman with a flow of blood is found in three of the gospels ([Matthew 9:20-22](#); [Mark 5:25-34](#); [Luke 8:43-48](#)), a miracle sandwiched between two halves of another miracle, the resurrection of the daughter of Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue. What makes the woman's healing unique is that it was performed without a word being spoken beforehand.

As it interrupted the raising of Jairus' daughter, the woman's healing was probably a test of [patience](#) for Jairus. More positively, the interruption had the potential to encourage him, helping to build the [faith](#) he had already exhibited, especially since his daughter had become much worse in the meantime. Indeed, she had died.

These two miracles are linked, not only in their parallel occurrence, but also by the number twelve, often used in the Bible to connote government. Jairus' daughter was twelve years old ([Mark 5:42](#)), and the bleeding woman had been sick for twelve years ([Mark 5:25](#)). However, both needed [Christ](#) to heal them. It does not matter how long one has been alive, salvation is always through Christ ([Acts 4:10-12](#)). Both the bleeding woman and the girl were about to see God's perfect government at work.

— Martin G. Collins

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