

The Bleeding Woman

The Sick Woman Who Touched Jesus | Matthew 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48

Jesus had just stepped out of a boat when a large **crowd** gathered around and welcomed him. The large crowd followed and pressed all around Jesus, nearly crushing him.

A **woman** who had been subject to **bleeding** for twelve years was there in the crowd. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all her money. No one could heal her; she only grew worse.

When she heard about Jesus she joined the crowd and came up behind Jesus in the crowd and touched the edge of his **cloak**. She said to herself, "If I only touch his clothes, I will be healed."

Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was at last freed from her suffering.

At once Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me." He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

The crowd denied touching him. "You see the people pressing against you," one of his disciples said. "How can you ask who touched me?"

Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, and seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came and fell at Jesus' feet, trembling with fear. And she confessed in the presence of all the people that she was the one who touched him and why, and that she had been instantly healed.

"Take heart, daughter," Jesus said, "your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." And the woman was healed from that moment.

Symbols in the Story



Woman



Crowd



Jesus



Cloak



Blood

NOTES:

The **chain of flowers** on the middle finger represent the years of peace the woman experienced after Jesus set her free. The **twelve dots** on the curved lines below the woman symbol represent her twelve years of suffering.

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