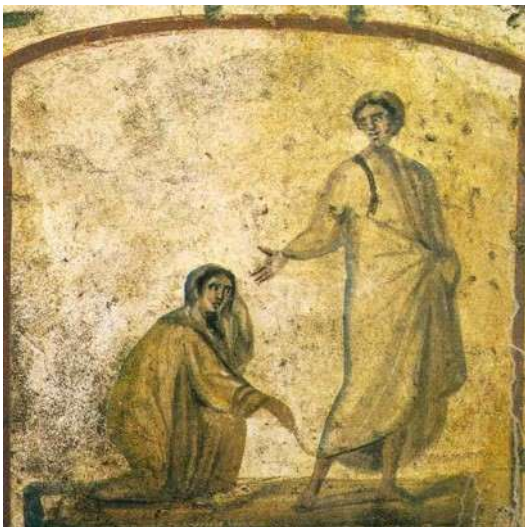


Bringing it Home For Sunday, June 7, 2026

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Healing the Bleeding Woman

Raising of Jairus' Daughter



In today's Bible story, Jesus met two people who desperately needed his help.

The first was a man whose daughter had just died. Jesus was going with him to see the little girl when he was interrupted.

A lady who had been sick a long time was so desperate for help that she reached out and touched Jesus's cloak, hoping to be healed. And she was healed! Jesus realized what had happened, and stopped, and reassured the lady. She wasn't in trouble. Her great faith had healed her.

I bet that the worried father was frantic at the delay. How could Jesus have stopped for anything when his daughter was lying dead? Can't you picture him bouncing from one foot to the other? Eventually -- not soon enough for him! -- they continued on to the house. Friends and neighbors had come together to mourn and to comfort the family.

But Jesus told everyone that the little girl was asleep, not dead. This must have sounded crazy. Even two thousand years ago, people could tell the difference between sleep and death.

Then Jesus threw everyone out of the house, and gently told the little girl to get up. And she did!

If you needed help, and Jesus walked down the street today, would you stop him and ask for his help, like the father did? Or would you sneak up to him and touch his cloak, hoping he wouldn't even notice, like the sick lady did?

Now think about praying. Do you go to Jesus in prayer and ask him for exactly what you need? Or do you trust him to know what you need, even better than you do?

There is no wrong way to pray. Jesus loves it when we pray to him, just like we love to hear from a dear friend who is out of town. Just remember to leave room for Jesus to speak to you sometimes.

Let's pray. Dear Jesus, thank you for hearing my prayers. Help me to share my worries and needs with you. I trust you to listen. Amen.

Today's Gospel - Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Artwork :

(upper left): Healing the bleeding woman, ca. 300 , Photo from the catacombs of Rome.

(lower right): *Raising of Jairus' Daughter* , 1871, by Vasily Polenov (1844–1927), oil on canvas, from the collection of the Scientific-research Museum of the Russian Academy of Arts, St. Petersburg, Russia.