

- 1] Jesus had been across to the other side east of Galilee to the country of Gerasenes
- 2] Met a man knick-named Legion because he had many demons and cast them out
- 3] People of the region asked him to depart because they were filled with great fear.
- 4] Jesus returned across the lake, the crowd welcome him

Nb two kinds of people - those

1) frightened by the way Jesus changes lives and run away

2) who love the way he changes lives and run to him-which are you?

Intro How do we gain Jesus' attention & favour?

'Jairus'

- 1] means 'God enlightens'
- 2] ruler of synagogue - most important person in Society
- 3] He came and fell at Jesus' feet

Nb how desperate do you have to be to do this?

- 4] He had an only daughter -12 yrs old (on the cusp of maturity) and dying

*Nb shows **faith** in Jesus, as he totally exposes himself, & **love** for child*

Woman

- 1] no name given. ('cf Jairus') - of no significance
 - 2] Bleeding for 12 yrs, POOR – spent all on physicians
- Nb unclean (Lev 15:25f) excluded from the Temple*
- 3] Came behind Jesus in the crowd and touched the tassel of his garment and immediately her bleeding ceased
- Nb tassel reminder of obedience to Law (Nu 15:39)*
- 4] Jesus drew her out and announced it was her faith that had made her well.

*Note 'automatic' for **anyone** who believes in Jesus – saved/ healed*

Jairus'

- 1] While speaking - told his daughter had died
- 2] Jesus - 'do not fear. Only believe and all will be well'.
- 3] Amidst scepticism, He went in and said 'child arise'.
- 4] Her Spirit returned, she got up and had something to eat
Cf Jesus on night of His resurrection – ate broiled fish (24:42f)

Note

- 1] the first and the last
 - a) synagogue ruler - most important man in town
 - b) the woman poor & excluded from the temple*nb both same - absolutely committed. Humbled/fell before Jesus*

- 2] 12 year old girl and woman bleeding for 12 years
Cf 12 tribes of Israel and 12 apostles

Nb This number represents the people of God

you may be part of the people of God, whoever you are, if you humble yourself before Jesus

- 3] Both believed, both received/ were healed (saved)
*Nb whoever you are – He hears and receives you**

Conclusion

- 1] How do you gain Jesus attention & favour? - are you desperate for Jesus/willing to humble yourself before Him - You will receive automatically.
- 2] If embarrassed by Him want Him to go away – you'll receive nothing.