

Jesus heals a woman sick for 12 years

Here is the story of another miracle of Jesus'. It happened while he was on the way to save the little girl, the daughter of Jairus (*see the story: Jesus raises a little girl from the dead*). This is how it happened: Jesus and his disciples were on their way to the home of Jairus. Crowds of people were following him. In the crowd was a woman who had been sick for more than 12 years. She had had a lot of long and painful treatments from different doctors. She had spent all her money on these treatments without getting any better, in fact she was getting worse.

She had heard about Jesus and about how he could heal people who were sick. She thought to herself, if I could even just touch his cloak, I know I would feel better. So she came through the crowd and coming up behind him, she touched his cloak. Immediately she could feel that she had been cured of her illness.



Now at the same time Jesus felt power go out of him and so he stopped and looked around. He asked: 'Who touched my clothes?'. His disciples were very surprised at this. They said 'You can see how many people there are all around us, of course some one is going to touch against you. Why do you ask who touched you?' But Jesus kept looking around and asking who had touched him.

The woman was afraid then but she came forward and threw herself at Jesus' feet. She told him the whole story of her long illness, all about her painful treatments from the different doctors, of how she had spent all her money and was now worse than before. She also told him that she knew that if she could even just touch him, she would be made better. Jesus told her to go in peace, that her faith had made her well. He told her that she was healed and would no longer suffer from this illness.

This story reminds me of a song, a song that can help us to remember to call on Jesus:

**Reach out and touch the Lord as he goes by,
you will find he's not too busy to hear your heart's cry,
He is passing by this moment your needs to supply,
reach out and touch the Lord as he goes by.**

Remember: This Jesus that the sick woman reached out to and touched, is the same Jesus we can reach out to and touch in Communion at Mass!