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## Where we are in the Gospel of Mark...

- Mark's purpose for writing was to supply overwhelming evidence that Jesus was the Christ (promised Messiah)
- First 7 chapters of Mark ask the question, "who is this man?"
- What kind of person would the Christ be that would be evidence that he was the promised one?
  - 3 stories meant to display Christ's power and authority over humanity's greatest fears:
    1. Forces of Nature
    2. Supernatural Forces
    3. Death



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<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. <sup>23</sup> He pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” <sup>24</sup> So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. <sup>25</sup> And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. <sup>27</sup> When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,

<sup>28</sup> because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” <sup>29</sup> Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

<sup>30</sup> At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my clothes?”

<sup>31</sup> “You see the people crowding against you,” his disciples answered, “and yet you can ask, ‘Who touched me?’ ”

<sup>32</sup> But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”



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<sup>35</sup> While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher anymore?”

<sup>36</sup> Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”

<sup>37</sup> He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” <sup>40</sup> But they laughed at him.

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After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum!*" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). <sup>42</sup> Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. <sup>43</sup> He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.



### Who is this Man?

#### 1. Power Unleashed

- Unusual nature of this healing:
  - For the first time we see power come from Jesus apart from him speaking (Word made flesh – Jn 1)
  - An unclean person was an outcast and could not be in a crowd of people
  - Instead of Jesus becoming unclean by her touch, she becomes clean
  - Jesus apparently doesn't know who touched him
- Who is this man? One who has incredible power yet full of compassion

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#### 2. Don't Be Afraid; Just Believe

- Noticeable absence of fear in all 3 stories
- Most repeated command in the Bible: “Do not fear”
- Doubt is not the opposite of Faith, but rather fear
- At the base of our anxiety, worry, unbelief and our inability to trust God is fear
- Who is this man? A man who does not give in to fear because he trusts fully in the Father – he know who he is and knows who the Father is



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2. Don't Be Afraid; Just Believe

3. From Death to Life

- “She’s only sleeping”... What? Jesus appears to know something no one else knows
- A special revelation to the 3 disciples and the parents
- Why didn’t everyone get to see? Why the secrecy?
- Who is this man? One who has power over death itself, yet is aware of even our smallest need because of his compassion for people

## How Does This Story Apply to Us?

### 1. Problem #1: We Underestimate Jesus' Power

- When we underestimate God's power, the outcome is anxiety and fear because the forces around us make us feel helpless
- Our view of God is off when we underestimate his power, love and goodness
- What would your life look like if you truly believed and embraced God's power?



### How Does This Story Apply to Us?

1. Problem #1: We Underestimate Jesus' Power
2. Problem #2: We Drift Toward Fear Rather than Faith
  - “Don’t be afraid; just believe”
  - Is fear blinding you from the true glory, power and goodness of Jesus?
  - John 6:28-29...<sup>28</sup> Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” The work of God is to believe in the one he sent

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1. Problem #1: We Underestimate Jesus' Power
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3. An Invitation to Life
  - John 10:10... The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that you might have life, and have it to the full
  - Jesus is calling to you and his desire is for you to experience the fullness of God found only through faith and belief in him