

TOUCHING JESUS THAT BRINGS RESULTS

Luke 8:43-48

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: No doubt everywhere Jesus went there were crowds of people and remembering two episodes where He fed several thousand on two different occasions, so Jesus being in a crowd was nothing new. With such a crowd around Him, Jesus certainly found it a bit difficult to be able to move freely down the streets. One would think that Jesus was able to do a lot of good among so many people, however in the text, Luke speaks of only one person in the whole crowd who touched Jesus and had marvelous results. Of all the people pushing and shoving to get near Jesus, with many bumping up against Him, only ONE of all that crowd received something positive from Jesus. Jesus said, "...*Somebody hath touched Me...*" What was different from the touch of the woman than from all the others in the crowd who had touched Jesus? What does it take to touch Jesus and get His attention and even results?

I. ONE MUST DEEPLY WANT TO COME INTO PERSONAL CONTACT WITH JESUS.

1. There are many today who come to Jesus as did the multitudes did in Jesus ministry.
 - Out of curiosity, because others are going, but no real interest.
 - Getting near to the Lord is not really that important.
 - Some come to the Lord's House and enter into the service, but do so out of habit, even joining the Church, being baptized, take the Lord's Supper, sing the hymns, pray, but their hearts are not in what they are doing.
 - Sadly so many Church-goers are like those who were crowded around Jesus, curious, but not really interested in personal contact with Jesus.
2. Jesus said "...*Somebody hath touched Me...*"
 - Somebody in the crowd had touched Jesus deliberately with a deep need and Jesus sensed it.
 - Nobody should be a mere bystander in the crowd, curious, but not so interested.
 - The most important thing in a person's life is to "touch" Jesus deliberately and with intent.
3. The woman felt that just being in the crowd, being around, being close to Jesus just wasn't enough, she must get to Him and she must TOUCH Him.
 - The woman touched Jesus under many difficulties:
 - There was a great crowd and she was a woman, also a woman sick with a terrible disease.
 - The woman touched Jesus very secretly.
 - She hid behind others and reached her arm and hand around them and without anybody seeing her, she touched Jesus.
 - The woman was under a deep sense of unworthiness, knowing that she was a woman and had no right to be there amidst all the men, then she was a woman ceremonially unclean and had no right to be in a public place.
 - The woman came under difficulties, she came secretly, she came as an unworthy one, BUT..... she still received a blessing from Jesus.
 - The woman touched the Lord Jesus very tremblingly with a very hurried touch, BUT.....it was still a touch of FAITH. She just knew that Jesus could help her.
 - Her touch of Jesus brought healing....NOT a hug, NOT an embrace, but just a TOUCH and she was healed.
 - The woman reached for Jesus, not Peter, not any of the other disciples, but she reached for JESUS.

II. REACHING OUT TO TOUCH JESUS IN FAITH BRINGS RESULTS

1. The woman in the crowd of so many, reached out in FAITH and touched Jesus and she received healing from Him.
 - Healing flowed from Jesus through the finer of faith of the woman.
 - In Jesus is healing for all things and for all those who reach out in faith.
2. Whatever doubts the woman may have had, they disappeared the moment she reached out in faith and touched Jesus.
 - Whatever sins, doubts or heaviness one has, they will all depart as soon as one reaches out in FAITH and touch the Lord Jesus.
3. The woman had a great need, she had tried everything available and nothing brought healing. She had no finances left, no hope whatsoever and then she thought of Jesus.
 - Nobody, nothing could help her, she was beyond all and any help.
 - She found Jesus and in all the faith she could find within herself, she reached out to just simply, quietly, secretly touch Jesus, He'd never know it.

III. ANYBODY REACHING OUT IN FAITH TO TOUCH JESUS, JESUS WILL KNOW IT

1. The woman reached around others in the crowd and quietly, secretly touched Jesus, thinking nobody would ever know, BUT Jesus knew it.
 - "...**SOMEBODY TOUCHED ME...**" and Jesus stopped in His tracks and began to look around.
 - Jesus knows whenever anybody reaches out in FAITH to touch Him.
2. Touching Jesus in FAITH causes Him to be instantly aware for a touch of FAITH draws out of Jesus that which the touch of Faith needs so much.
3. Any person who reaches out in FAITH to touch Jesus will have that touch rewarded and be seen by the Lord Jesus.

CONCLUSION:

1. Countless are interested in Jesus Christ, but like the multitudes who were around Him so much during His ministry are just curious and don't really want anything personally for themselves from Him.
2. Among the multitudes who are curious about Jesus, there may be one like the woman of the text. Numbered among the multitude, but whose interest was more than just curiosity, she had a great need and she knew that Jesus was the only answer to her need. ONE out of many wanted to get to Jesus and just touch Him and be healed. ARE YOU LIKE THAT WOMAN?
3. Reach out to Jesus in FAITH and He will answer your need and He will know YOU personally.