

## **Advent 2020: Word Made Flesh**

### **Touch of Power**

**Mark 5:21-34**

**December 13, 2020**

#### **WARM-UP QUESTIONS:**

1. What is your “gut” reaction when you hear thunder or see lightning? What makes these natural occurrences still phenomenal?
2. When did you last shake a person’s hand or shared a hug? Do you remember how it felt?
3. What conditions have made you feel isolated right now?

#### **REFLECTION QUESTIONS:**

1. Read through the passage several times. Imagine the scene. What is going on around Jesus? Where do you envision the woman being? What makes this moment so remarkable?
2. What do we learn about the situation of the woman? How is she the most vulnerable in her context? What do you think she knew about Jesus that prompted her action?
3. Why did the power of healing resulting from the woman’s touch release from Jesus? How is this miracle different from other healings Jesus performed?
4. Does it mean God lacks control over the demonstration of divine power? What does it mean for God to have to respond to our desperate needs?
5. The parallel story is of Jairus’ daughter who dies when Jesus stops and attends to another suffering daughter. What does this teach us about God’s timing, priority and concern?

#### **APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. What sufferings are you experiencing today? How can you come forward to touch and be touched by Jesus? What may be stopping you from pushing through the crowd for a touch at His hem?
2. The woman’s healing was immediate. We often don’t experience that. How should we process this? What does it mean when our desire for healing seems to be delayed or never takes place?
3. What marginalized and outcast individuals can you pray for today? What can we do to bring about God’s healing touch on their behalf?