

## Who Do You Say I Am? – Mark Scene 11-13

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Mark 4:35 – 5:43

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### **Reflection & Discussion Questions**

#### **We believe in these two words: TRUST JESUS**

But what does this mean?

\*What immediately comes to mind when you hear this phrase? What does it mean to you?

\*How does your answer about trusting Jesus correlate to the question 'who do you say I am?'

#### **Read and discuss Mark 5:21-43 (Nicolas Zola translation)**

*And a woman, who had a flow of blood for twelve years, and who had endured much under many doctors and spent all she had, and who did not improve but rather grew worse, hearing the things about Jesus, came up from behind in the crowd and touched his clothing. For she was saying, "If I touch even his clothes, I will be saved." And immediately her source of blood dried up and she knew in her body that she was cured of the disease. And immediately Jesus, perceiving in himself the power that went out from him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his students said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" And he began looking around to see the one who did this. But the woman, afraid and trembling, knowing what happened to her, came and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. But he said to her, "Daughter, your trust has saved you. Go in peace, and be healed of your disease."*

*While he was still speaking, some come from the synagogue ruler's to say, "Your daughter died. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But Jesus, disregarding the message being delivered, says to the synagogue ruler, "Do not be afraid. Only trust." And he did not allow anyone to follow along with him except Rock and James and John the brother of James. And they come to the house of the synagogue ruler, and he sees the commotion and those weeping and wailing loudly. And entering, he says to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child did not die but is sleeping." And they began to laugh at him. But he, driving everyone out, takes the child's father and mother and those with him and goes into where the child was. And taking the child's hand, he says to her, "Taleitha koum!" (which is translated, "Girl, I say to you, rise!"). And immediately the girl rose up and began walking around, for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were exceedingly astonished. And he ordered them explicitly that no one should know this; and he said to give her something to eat.*

\*What is this passage saying to you?

\*Compare and contrast the stories of the woman and the child. What do you think Mark wanted us to see by sandwiching these stories together?

#### **Both came to Jesus with a mixture of faith and fear**

It can be scary to really express that you have faith in Jesus.

\*Where have you seen fear lead to trust and faith in your life or in others?

\*How does our perspective change on trusting Jesus when we realize our desperation?

**When we fall at the feet of Jesus we will receive more than we thought, and we will give more than we expected.**

Maybe we need to be in a place of desperation for our view of Jesus to change. For us to truly TRUST JESUS.

\*What keeps you from reaching out to 'touch the hem?' Where are you ready to give up, thinking 'hope is dead?'

\*Right now, where do you need to fall at his feet and trust Jesus?