

**Sermon Notes – October 19, 2014**  
**“Desperate Faith”**  
**Mark 5:21-34**  
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How can Jesus’ encounters with people in this chapter be seen as demonstrations of his claim that “The kingdom of God is near” (Verse 1:15), and of Mark’s opening statement: “The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.” (Verse 1:1)?

What clues do you see that both Jairus and the unnamed woman are in a desperate state? -Before their miracles take place, what does it seem they believe about Jesus?

- What are some unusual elements about this woman’s healing?

As Jesus delays the journey to Jairus’ house to interact with this woman, put yourself in the shoes of Jairus, the disciples, someone in the crowd, and the woman herself.

-What would you be thinking and feeling?

What is the significance of the woman being put on the spot by Jesus to testify about what happened to her?

-About Jesus final words to her?

Imagine if she had been able to slip away anonymously after having been healed. How might her faith and life have been different?