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Welcome to Jesus Time where we spend time with Jesus in His time and culture.

Ok, for us to say that for Jesus this was an eventful and busy day-
Would be quite the whimsy!

First our Lord climbed aboard & then taught from the boats in “parables” to those upon the Capernaum Sea shore. Once complete Jesus took a seat. He then had the boats set out to where He wanted to be; to the opposite side of the Sea of Galilee.

This was when Jesus took a nap, only to be awoken by His Apostles because their Faith did lack.

Of course a panic did then befall.

Do to a sudden & violent storm threatening to sink them all.

Christ our Lord then kept things together.

With peace and calm by rebuking and controlling the weather.

So, for others in His need in order for them to believe-

Jesus had the boats sail on, to the Gentile region known as Gerasenes.

This is where Jesus freed a man from possession of a “Legion of demon.”

Great fear prevailed and at the locals behest, Jesus honored their request, and returned to Capernaum.

Seriously though including all the reasons for these rhymes no question remains as for the busy day Jesus has already had whence once again dear Bible studying friends Jesus has returned home.

✝ When Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around Him; and He stayed by the seashore. ²² And one of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came, and upon seeing Him, fell at His feet ²³ and pleaded with Him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is at the point of death; please come and lay Your hands on her, so that she will get well and live.” ²⁴ And He went off with him; and a large crowd was following Him and pressing in on Him.

Mark 5:21-24 NASB

Now Jesus is back in Capernaum & was met by a Synagogue official whose name is recorded as Jairus.

Think about that: an exact name & occupation within an exact location at a specific time.

Verifiable! Peter through John Mark has just presented irrefutable proof as the official known as Jairus.

Get it? Peter being from Capernaum he and Jairus the Synagogue leader quite likely knew each other!

Remember something spectacular as in supernatural by Christ in Jesus is going to happen at this time to Jairus’s daughter by his request of Jesus.

Our point being here is just how easily this Biblical claim could & would have been later refuted by Jesus’s enemies by the naming of a specific place, time, and person if it were not true.

This Biblical account is certainly ascertained because it was never challenged nor ever dismissed as folly or deception. In fact we are reading about Jairus 2 millennia later. Meaning tis true! Jairus was the proof.

Ok, as for Jairus himself; translated into English as a “Synagogue ruler” as in not the top assigned official Priest but a local clergy and or elder. Today we might call this someone a Worship leader, Deacon, or perhaps a Trustee. You get the idea, this person served and held office in the local Capernaum Synagogue.

Jairus was a desperate man- he fell at Jesus’s feet and begged the Lord to come and save his daughter.

You know, this official Synagogue leader publicly threw himself down without any regard to his position or favor while he humbled himself to Jesus. The very Jesus called a fraud & a threat to all Israel by the same people who held sway & employed him but all that Jairus cared about in this moment was his little girl.

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✝ As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. ⁴³ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her.

Dr. Luke 8:42b-43 NIV

Here dear Bible studying friends we now begin a story within a story. (embedded narrative)
Better said as another "Miracle within a Miracle."

Many Biblical studies do point out that this is not entirely unusual especially within the Gospel of Mark that a direct narrative will be interjected with another sub-plot.

Simply said life can be messy with interruptions constantly intruding upon our intentions.

That is what we have here; Jesus was on His "Way" to Save- the daughter of Jairus, when a desperate woman in Christ's need of a physical healing herself in a crowd reached out in belief for relief and touched Jesus.

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✝ and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷ She had heard the reports about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸ For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I shall be made well." ²⁹ And immediately the hemorrhage ceased; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰ And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone forth from him, immediately turned about in the crowd, and said, "Who touched my garments?"

Mark 5:26-30 RSV

Above John Mark did give to us more detail however Matthew offers one additional fact:

✝ And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, Matthew 9:20 ESV

Pleasure, leisure, power, fame, comfort, ease, & even the peace of our hearts or mind can and often does evade us when our health fails leaving us outright frail.

Corrupt being extra non-Biblical even Gnostic and or medieval literature none knowingly older than the 4th to 5th century thusly disqualifying them do attempt to name after the fact this dear faithful woman with various fictitious names that we shall not dignify here with recognition.

So lets hit this head on- what were some of the very expensive expert medical cures this woman would have had to purchase at a very steep price for her healing in Jesus's Time?

First were the many elaborate ways to burn weeds or thistles, then if she could procure an ostrich egg to wrap it in a clothe and care for it, finally to pluck an undigested barley grain from donkey dung and then hold it in her hand for the remainder of that day, that her bleeding would cease for that day alone. All the while if she could stay awake and hold the said donkey barley seed for 3 complete days her bleeding would stop forever.

Superstitious non sense at a dear cost & when this foolishness failed her those in authority would declare that it was GOD'S Will because she or her parents before her have harbored a secret Sin.

This woman who remains anomalously unnamed but just like Jairus in desperation with Faith had reached out to GOD in Christ after exhausting her every hope, reason, source, and resource she had on medicines and physicians having not only failed her, but actually aggravating her condition making matters even worse until one day she finally hears of Jesus and realizes He is near.

So she rushes out into the crowd & then with a touching glance upon Christ she was instantly healed.

Ok, each Dr. Luke and the Spiritually remade Levi into Matthew each specifically detail for us that this desperate woman of Faith had reached out and grazed the “fringe” of Jesus’s outer garment.

As for Jesus’s garments plural: on top of Jesus’s cloak that He wore by day and served as His blanket by night was His Prayer Shawl known as a “Tallit.”

A Tallit resembles what we would today call a poncho made in Jesus Time from wool, cotton, or silk if one could afford being about waist high in the front and mid thigh length behind having a hoodie style pull over head covering.

The Tallit is white with white fringe on the outer edges including 4 longer white tassels on the four corners of the Prayer shawl with these known as the “Tzitzit” being twined together by blue thread. Jewish men had white fringes on their Prayer Shawls while Samaritan men having blue.

Later it became more custom to wear the Tallit under the cloak but in Jesus Time the Prayer Shawl was worn over the cloak or carried over the left shoulder.

Since Jesus was being pressed by a crowd it seems likely that Jesus would be wearing His Shawl over His cloak as opposed to laying it across His left shoulder risking it being pulled away.

Mosaic Law as for the fringe and tassels upon a Jewish Tallit

✠ The LORD said to Moses, ³⁸ “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: Throughout the generations to come you are to make tassels on the corners of your garments, with a blue cord on each tassel. ³⁹ You will have these tassels to look at and so you will remember all the commands of the LORD, that you may obey them and not prostitute yourselves by chasing after the lusts of your own hearts and eyes. ⁴⁰ Then you will remember to obey all my commands and will be consecrated to your God.

Numbers 15:37-40 NIV

Above the NIV is easier to understand but over simplification can and often does miss a clue or two

✠ Speak to the Israelites, and tell them to make fringes on the corners of their garments throughout their generations and to put a blue cord on the fringe at each corner. (Does say fringe in Hebrew)

Numbers 15:38 NRSV

Please take note of the above; often when studying a Biblical passage various editions are useful. This be Why? It is wise- to study different reputable versions and or translations.

Just like people each having different strengths and weaknesses, so do Bible versions and translations when translated from the original Hebrew & Greek as well as Aramaic or even Latin into English.

So, the fringe & tassels on Jesus’s Prayer Shawl served Him as a reminder of His obligations to His Fathers (GOD’S) Law.

This is what the desperate lady grazed.

The fringe and tassels of the very same shawl Jesus wore over His head as He, The Son of GOD Prayed.

Restored to health she was and He knew it instantly.

She felt His healing while Jesus felt Divine power flow from Himself to another simply by His Grace automatically responding to a touch of Faith.

Simply said; this is another place where the Grace, Will, & Power displayed by Christ in Jesus as in the actual mechanics of it is beyond our complete understanding or full comprehension.

Think about it; this was an automatic physical response by Jesus through His Spiritual authority & the closest thing that comes to mind is like our heart beat. Our brains control it without us ever giving it conscience thought. Similarly our Lord’s Love, Mercy, & Compassion automatically responded to Faith.

Jesus jostled in the crowd that was surrounding, following, and pushing in upon Him, All the while on His “Way” to save the daughter of Jairus stops and demands to know:

“Who touched me!?”

Jesus now says aloud to the crowd

✝ And Jesus said, “Who was it that touched me?” When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!” ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me.”

Dr. Luke 8:45-46 ESV

Everyone had stopped & then they all began to deny that it was them who had pressed in upon the Lord. Really, who would want to anger the man who had given sight to the blind, healed the local Centurions son from afar, had caused the lame to walk, or cleansed multiple lepers & now a rumor was spreading fast that Jesus had controlled the weather on His journey to where He had also healed a demoniac.

Seriously, who would want to admit to being the one who had went to far and had apparently pushed or tugged upon Him to hard? Angering Him? Offending Him? Annoying Him? Even having hurt Him?

Then- of course it would be Simon Peter who would be the first to dare to say what everyone else was thinking; “Lord the whole town is pushing and pulling on you!” “What do you want us to do?”

This frustration of Peter opened the door for our Lord to explore what had just transpired Spiritually thus leading to a physical healing unawares to everyone save for Christ and the anonymously healed woman.

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✝ And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.

Dr. Luke 8:47 KJV

This anomalously healed woman has now realized that she is not hidden in the crowd and presents herself properly before Christ in Jesus. Remember by her condition according to the Law of Moses she was “unclean” and had been unclean for over 12 years.

Meaning no Temple nor any of its privileges or attending any of the Jewish public Feasts or Festivals. But what is easy to miss here is that anyone she touched especially a Rabboni, (teacher) would also be by her touch considered ceremonially unclean until that evening. (that is the next day for Jews)

Perhaps this is what the woman feared- that Jesus was angry because she had made Him unclean for the rest of His day. What we miss here is Why? Did she fear. Because by Jesus she was now clean!

As in she in Faith by Jesus’s Grace was instantly healed. She was not capable nor a source of defilement.

Christ answers the now restored woman of good health

✝ Jesus said to her, “My daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace.”

Dr. Luke 8:48 GNT

Jesus was not angry, hurt, annoyed, or even offended, He simply called her affectionately daughter while wishing her to finally have some peace stating that it was her Faith in Him that had healed her.

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✝ 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?” ³⁶ Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”

Mark 5:35 NIV

Imagine the anxiety and the heartbreak of Jairus as it was taking so long against the hindrance of the crowd for Jesus to make His “Way” across town to his home when finally the dreadful news reaches him that it is now too late.

Your daughter has passed simply implying her death was ill reversible and final.

The overwhelming sense of loss and helplessness combined with great regret that if he and Jesus had only been a few minutes quicker, if only the crowds had not hindered their progress, can there be any doubt that these thoughts along with a Soul crushing sadness were Jairus’s immediate reactions.

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Mark 5:35 NIV

Was Jairus now grasping desperately onto this single thread of hope from Jesus?

As in he had just personally witnessed a supernatural miracle of healing unto the other adult woman?

Now even to finish escorting the Lord Jesus to his home with each step being so heavy but wanting & needing to rush on ahead with his heart racing and his mind nearly numb overwhelmed by desperation, fear, dread, hope, & panic with all of these thoughts and emotions rolled up into one.

But above all else Jairus hangs onto what Jesus had said to him “just believe.” Focus! Just to believe. Hold on! Only a few steps further, so believe just as the desperate anonymously healed woman had.

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✝ And He (Jesus) allowed no one to accompany Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. ³⁸ They came to the house of the synagogue official, and He saw a commotion, and people loudly weeping and wailing. ³⁹ And after entering, He said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child has not died, but is asleep.”

Mark 5:37-39 NASB

Take note here that our Lord now stops the crowd leaving them behind with His Disciples and followers in order to make sure that His wishes were obeyed. I.e. crowd control while only taking with Him whom Gospel Theologians consider to be Christ’s inner circle including Simon/Peter, along with Jesus’s half cousin Apostle brothers James and the Revelator John.

As for the commotion and weeping in Jairus’s home, of course people are upset & emotionally unstable when death touches a family, however in Jesus Time within Israel there is much more to this story.

You see especially with Jairus being a Capernaum Synagogue official meaning he above all others would have been maintaining each and every Jewish superstition & tradition in addition unto GOD’S Law.

The Pharisee’s had declared that apart from their righteously divine guidance that the common Jew could not even grieve correctly. So they had instituted and mandated customs for each life & death.

Long story short; as in professional celebrators, doubling also as mourners & weepers.

So, someone suffering a death loss the very first thing they were required to do was to notify the proper authorities (Pharisee’s) which is still our common practice today, as in contacting or being contacted by proper authorities along with the planning of dignified final or funeral arrangements.

However the grieving family then had to “pay” for the gathering and immediate dispatch of the local weeping call it a troupe if you wish. Of course being employed with kickbacks by & unto the Pharisee’s.

So they; the Pharisee’s, made money off people from birth to death they did not miss an opportunity.

Seriously, think of all the additional uncalled for emotional and financial burdens of that.

These paid grievers also doubled as the “required” worshippers, and celebrators at births, weddings, Bar or Bat Mitzvah you name it you pay it or else no wedding, no proper funeral, etc. then be scorned.

✝ When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes,

Matthew 9:23 NIV

Ok, as for the daughter of Jairus, a Jewish female loss in Jesus Time was mourned quite heavily. Meaning for Jairus it was required of him at a minimum to have not only one but actually 2 official flute players in addition to 1 weeping/ mourning (singing & wailing) woman.

However a chorus of weeping women plural would have been more respected for someone of Jairus's rank, as which indeed is what the scripture of this event seems to indicate.

There was in Israel during Jesus Time an actual registered, trained, and paid dues of a membership society or call it a trade guild of professional weepers.

If need be if someone lived in a remote area and needed weepers/celebrators, a team was then dispatched usually from the nearest village or town. Of course travel and lodging were also then included within their price. But legally in Israel their presence was a necessity.

Get that?

No legal funeral, then the Pharisee's might refuse to recognize a death and continue to demand a family continue to pay Roman Tribute, Synagogue Tithe, and or the Temple Tax on said departed.

This be Why? It was not uncommon for the Pharisee in charge of each local weeping/celebration troupe to issue an official certificate of proper funeral, marriage, mitsvah, etc. upon payment.

No doubt this Pharisee also paid a percentage of his portion to the local Synagogue.

Historians hold the only break a family in grief did receive was that in each the local Synagogue and within the Temple in Jerusalem special consideration was given to the mourners by separation.

A private Temple entrance when a recent legal death certificate was presented within the Mosaic or local custom prescribed time of mourning, in order to bypass all of the hustle and bustle of the required attendance of Feasts and Festivals in Jerusalem.

Thusly making their required attendance regardless of mourning at this time more tolerable for grieving families. Yes, even people losing a child or spouse were still required to travel to Jerusalem.

Jewish Law actually forbid or at least did suspend Lawful "mourning time" during Feasts or Festivals. It was also Law- prevailing Law, that there shall be no Mosaic (Legal) mourning during these times.

So, at least some considerations were put into place for those who would otherwise legally be in their official time of the "Sorrowing ones" called Avei. (mourner)

In Jairus's case; he would be required to rend or tear his inner garment that he wore and since it was his child he would never be allowed to repair this garment closest to his heart.

Additionally it was custom to wear this inner garment until it could not be worn any longer.

Of course it could be laundered but never repaired.

As in his heart will never be fully healed until Jairus would be reunited with his child by the Lord.

OK, No eating of meat, nor drinking of wine, or any laughing was permissible in Jairus's home until the official time of mourning was past. Literally Jairus's family had to eat out side of the house at this time. This has somewhat at least on the surface to do with the Mosaic Law of a dead body being present. There were no funeral parlor's in Israel at this time, so respects were given in the persons home. Get that? No funerals in Synagogue and or official services were usually graveside.

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✝ And after entering, He (Jesus) said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child has not died, but is asleep." ⁴⁰ And they began laughing at Him. But putting them all outside, He took along the child's father and mother and His own companions, and entered the room where the child was in bed. Mark 5:39-40 NASB

The professional weepers were mocking Jesus with the reality of certainty as in the finality that the girl was dead. Death was in Jairus's daughters case not only near but greatly feared & anticipated. This be Why? The professional weepers were already present by the time Jesus had arrived. Jairus himself was most likely shamefully absent in their opinion on a desperate fools errand missing his daughters last moments.

Regretful, shameful, desperate, but was it even somewhat understandable?

Since truly this Jesus was rumored to be the Christ? GOD in human form amongst us.

Guess we are about to find out which of these assumptions of each Jairus & Jesus were correct.

Because then Christ our Lord did simply ignore human understanding with human limitations.

Concluding

✠ Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Tal’itha cu’mi”; which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and walked (she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³ And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Mark 5:41-43 RSV

Now we can all take comfort by this example we can each in Christ take courage into our heart and be at peace for when in this life we approach our end or when likewise a loved one ever does depart.

Because Jesus has just proved that with His Grace of Faith death is defeated.

Get that? Neither the gravedigger nor the crematorium have say in a Christian’s final disposition.

Here almost all Biblical study materials do agree; that Jesus wished to keep a certain mystery of ambiguity of Him being The Messiah until His correct prophesized date of Daniel chapter 9.

This was literally the exact day given from the Angel Gabriel unto Daniel of when Messiah would be in Jerusalem. This date is now forever known as our Christ’s “Triumphal” entry.

Of course this be Why? Jesus did in fact reveal Himself as The Christ to the “Lady at the Well.”

You see she & He conversed privately at least initially in Samaria previously.

Get that? She was not Jewish and they were outside of the official borders of Israel. (Ok to tell)

So, understandably Jesus only permitted His inner circle of Peter, James & John to be present along with the girls parents. Since Christ’s instructions were to “tell no one” that He had raised the girl from the dead. In fact remember Jesus had already informed the official weeping mourners that “the girl was not dead but only sleeping.”

Tis true from a Heavenly point of view. She was alive and well in Paradise, but her former human body was asleep in death. The Bible over & over time and again uses these descriptions for death.

Much Theological speculation with Expository assumption is given to this fact that it was not yet time for Jesus to state that He is The Christ in Israel.

Including as an additional public fact that raising a dead person to life along with the mania already present within Israel that Jesus was indeed The Messiah, would only further push and add to an overwhelming crescendo of the fame of the name of Jesus.

However our true answer for concealing this miracle might just be much simpler than any of this: When Jesus likewise raises Lazarus from the dead, this public openly demonstrated & acknowledged supernatural miracle near the time of Christ’s crucifixion, a secret death sentence by the Jerusalem Sanhedrin (Supreme Court) was issued to execute Lazarus because everyone knew that he had died.

This in order to try and deny the supernatural miracle of life restoration by Jesus unto Lazarus.

So, if it also became known that this girl was also raised by Jesus from the dead, then the authorities would have demanded her life as well. (She to continue living was bearing witness of Jesus as Christ)

In conclusion in just one significant day after Jesus our Lord had informed that all must repent from Sin to get in- into Heaven that is & not by just being born a Jew.

First our Lord preformed a miracle of nature by “Calming the Storm” as in controlling the foul weather out upon the Sea of Galilee.

Then Jesus commanded the Spiritual realm with the exorcised “Legion of demon” from the Gentile man amongst the tombs. Next Christ even unknowingly with His Divine nature alone by a touch of Grace healed an adult woman simply because of her Faith.

This be a physical “Miracle within a Miracle” while finally Jesus raised a young girl from death.

So, it is safe to say that on this day Christ the Lord proved His Words to be true!

In a paraphrased thought: Believe in Me & I Will Believe in you Jesus our Lord is implying to each of us.

Seriously what else does a human being actually need more than this?

That if we Believe in the Savior of GOD, Christ Jesus, that He indeed in return Believes then receives us.

May lowly we and He our Blessed Savior Christ Jesus ever be in Belief. Amen.

Early Fourth century Christian Historian Eusebius of Caesarea (Roman province of Syria/Palestine) the Bishop of the Christian Caesarean Church within his Ecclesiastical History 6:18 does record that in his time a statue of the adult anonymous woman being healed did exist and was 300 years of age. Reportedly tradition held having been commissioned and paid for within this Roman area- meaning it would not have been disturbed by Jews, at the behest of the healed woman herself in gratitude to Christ Jesus.

While in the final editing process of this lesson I noticed something that I had overlooked prior.

This is a prime example of how we can read, study, ponder, and Pray about a Scriptural passage even for years and then suddenly the next time you read it something jumps out that we never noticed before.

In this case the painstakingly specifically recorded number of 12.

This being of each the adult woman healed having been ill for 12 years, and the girl of 12 years being raised alive by Christ. Likewise was the man possessed by the Legion of Demon also in such a state for 12 years? Perhaps only Jesus Himself knew? Because Scripture only says for a long time.

Ok, the number of 12 Biblical experts do say represents the authority of GOD'S Government in each of the Old and New Covenants.(Testaments)

As in Jesus was demonstrating His authority over nature, & the physical, even the Spiritual by His Divine right of GOD'S (His Father) Commission.

Old : 12 Tribes of Israel.

New : 12 Apostles.

Eternal : When Old & New Covenants including the Heavenly Realm are reconciled complete in Rev. 21.

As in Eternal Angels guard the 12 pearl gates to enter into New Jerusalem named for the O.T. 12 Tribes of Israel built upon the 12 Foundations of precious stones each named after the N.T. Apostles of Jesus.

Just saying with 12 being the number of GOD'S Covenants of each Grace & Law, that it can not be coincidence that Jesus controlled supernaturally each the natural, Spiritual & physical even death itself on this single day thoughtfully even distinctly recorded corresponding to 12.

What I'm just scratching the surface of is that there is more here than what meets human comprehension as for GOD'S Divine Authority exhibited by Jesus specifically with the number of 12.

If you do not know; all of existence from gravity, light, attraction, DNA, including any and all things are indeed an observable yet initial origin unexplainable interlocking series of perfect mathematical realities.

While even to know this fact necessarily means a Divine mind is behind all.

Indisputably without question.