

Title: Desperate for Jesus
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mark 5:24-34 (NKJV)

²⁴ So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him. ²⁵ Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, ²⁶ and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷ **When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment.** ²⁸ For she said, **"If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."** ²⁹ Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. ³⁰ And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" ³¹ But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" ³² **And He looked around to see her who had done this thing.** ³³ **But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.** ³⁴ **And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."**

luke 19:1-10 (NKJV)

¹ Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. ² Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. ³ **And he sought to see who Jesus was,** but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. ⁴ **So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.** ⁵ **And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."** ⁶ **So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.** ⁷ **But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."** ⁸ **Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold."** ⁹ **And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;** ¹⁰ **for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."**

Lessons to learn from both stories

1. Reality Check#1: There's always a crowd.
2. Reality Check#2: Each one has a need.
3. Truth#1: Jesus responds to your faith (Mark 5:27-28, Luke 19:3-4).
4. Truth#2: Jesus has power for your need (Mark 5:34, Luke 19:9-10).