



Touching Jesus For Perfect Wholeness

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There is no limit to the means whereby God can transmit His Power. He rebuked backslidden Balaam through a dumb ass, passed judgment on a disobedient prophet through a backslidden prophet (I Kings 13), and fed Elijah through a sparrow and a poor widow. He can do anything, anytime and through any means.

"And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret. 35 And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased; 36 And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole" (Matthew 14:34-36).

"And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore. 54 And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him, 55 And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was. 56 And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole" (Mark 6:53-56).

This miracle teaches us a lot, including:

- 1) Every great storm gives way to a great calm and also great miraculous breakthroughs.
- 2) The boat docked at Gennesaret at the fourth watch (i.e. between 3 and 6 a.m.), and the inhabitants immediately recognised Jesus (vs 34-35; 53-54). "they sent out into all that country round about, and brought to him all that were diseased" (vs 35); "And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was" (vs 55). Being so early in the morning, the people who took these actions may have been going about their business or on their fourth "watch". They abandoned their plans so as to seize the op-

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portunity of enabling others to get their miracles - a salient reminder that **"The opportunity of a lifetime must be ceased within the lifetime of that opportunity"**. Let's spread the news and help the helpless to find solutions to life's problems in Jesus.

- 3) Jesus entered into the villages, cities and country (vs 56). His ministry was not limited to one place or method. We must follow His example if we are to get similar results, by expanding our outreaches to the villages, towns, countries as well as use all the available means we have today - publications, internet, television, etc. to reach the lost for Christ.
- 4) The sick that were laid on the streets "were made perfectly whole" (vs 36) as they touched the border of His garments. The touch of faith brings healing and deliverance. God's power can be transmitted through any medium:
 - (a). A woman got healed of 12 years of bleeding by touching the hem of Jesus' garment (Matthew 9:20-22).
 - (b). A dead man revived when his body touched the dead bones of Elisha (2 Kings 13:21).
 - (c) Aprons & handkerchiefs from the body of Paul brought healing and deliverance to those they touched (Acts 19:11-12).
 - (d) the shadow of Peter healed the sick (Acts 5:15).

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever, what He did in the past He can do again today. What He did through Peter or Paul, He can do through you and me. We must however learn to seize on the opportunities He presents to us daily and have Faith in God.