



“Who Touched Me?”



There was a woman who had an issue of blood for twelve years. The Bible says she had spent all of her money on doctors but none of them could stop the flow of blood and heal her. Jesus was passing by her house one day, surrounded by a great crowd of people who followed Him and were pushing and shoving trying to get close enough to touch Him because they knew He had done many mighty miracles of healing in that city.



The woman believed with all of her heart that if she could just touch the border of His garment, she would be healed. That faith gave her the strength and courage to go out into the crowd to try and get close to Jesus. This took courage on her part because any woman during the time of her flow of blood was considered unclean by the Jewish religion, and she was not allowed to go out among people because if they happened to touch her they were called unclean and had to go to the temple and purify themselves. She could have been stoned by the people for going out among them.

But, she pressed her way through and came up behind Jesus. He couldn't see her and didn't know she was there. She knelt down behind Him and worshipped Him and reached out her thin, trembling hand to touch the border of the garment that He was wearing. Immediately her flow of blood was stopped! (Luke 8:44)

Jesus stopped walking and asked, “*Who touched me?*” His disciples said, “*There is a multitude around you pushing against you and you ask who touched you?*” And, Jesus said, “*Somebody has touched me, because I know that (miracle) power went out from Me.*”



When the woman realized she was no longer hidden she came trembling before Him and falling to her knees, she declared to Him and all the people why she touched His garment, and told how she was healed immediately. Jesus said unto her, “*Daughter, be of good comfort; your faith has made you whole; go in peace.*” (Luke 8:48)

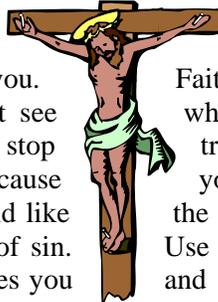
Question: Why did Jesus say, “*who touched Me?*” When she didn't touch Him, she only touched the border on the hem of His garment. There is a very powerful reason: According to Numbers 15:38, the Jewish people were commanded by God to put tassels on the four corners of the hem of their outer garments throughout every generation, and they had to put a ribbon of blue on each tassel to be a constant reminder of the commandments of the Lord, and their duty to keep them, and not seek after their own heart and let their eyes to lust after other things; but to be holy unto their God.

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Jesus was a Jew. He dressed as all the Jewish men did. It was the tassel on Jesus' robe that she was touching when the healing power flowed through her. She believed that Jesus was the Son of God, the perfect fulfillment of all the commandments of God; that's why when she touched the tassel on the hem of His garment, she had touched Him – His divine office, who He is – and because of her faith in Him as the Son of God, divine power flowed from her and healed her. *“For she said within herself, ‘If I may just touch the border of His garment, I shall be whole.’ And Jesus turned and said to her . . . ‘Your faith has made you whole.’”* It was her faith in Jesus as her healer and Savior that made her whole.

There were many people in the scriptures that came to Jesus like this, in faith, and were made whole. Matthew 14:36, *“And when the men of that place knew about Him they sent out into all the country round about, and brought unto Him all that were sick and begged Him to let them merely touch the fringe (tassels) of His garment; and as many as touched it were perfectly restored to health.”*

Just as the woman with the issue of blood was made whole by her faith in Jesus, you too can be made whole by your faith. Faith is placing your hope and trust in a God you cannot see, and believing every promise that He makes in the Bible is for you and belongs to you. Faith is like being blindfolded and led around by someone you trust. You can't see where you're going, but you believe that the one leading you, you will stop walking and refuse to follow, because you are afraid they will lead you where you might get hurt. You may feel afraid like the woman with the issue of blood did, Use your faith as she did, and let it overcome because you feel unclean because of sin. and has forgiven every sin. His blood has your fear of trusting Jesus. He loves you made you clean.



Hebrews 11:6 tells us, *“But without faith it is impossible to please God; for whoever comes to Him must believe that God is alive, and that He is the rewarder of those that diligently (faithfully) seek Him.”* God gives instruction to us in His Word that Jesus, His Son, is : the way (to reach God); the truth (about God); and the Life (of God); and that we are to follow Jesus all the days of our lives as a sheep follows it's Shepherd.

As part of this lesson please open your Bible to Psalm 23 and read how Jesus will lead you as a gentle Shepherd all the days of your life here on earth, and forever.



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1. What did the woman with the issue of blood believe?

2. Why was she so afraid to go?

3. When did her flow of blood stop?

4. How did Jesus know she had touched His garment?

5. What did Jesus say had made her whole? _____

6. Why did Jesus say she touched Him when she only touched His garment?

7. What is faith? _____

8. What is required to make it possible to please God?

9. To find the way to God, who do we have to follow?

10. What must we believe in order to come to God? (Hebrews 11:6)
(The answer to this question will be your memory verse)

MEMORY VERSE _____

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If she could touch the border of His garment, she would be healed.

2. Why was she so afraid to go?

Jewish religion considered a woman’s flow of blood unclean.

3. When did her flow of blood stop?

When she touched the tassel on the border of Jesus garment.

4. How did Jesus know she had touched His garment?

Because He felt miracle power go out from Him.

5. What did Jesus say had made her whole? Her faith.

6. Why did Jesus say she touched Him when she only touched His garment?

Because she knew she was touching the garment of the Son of God who fulfilled all the law that the tassel represented.

7. What is faith? Faith is placing your hope and trust in a God you cannot see, and believing that every promise He makes in the Bible is for you.

8. What is required to make it possible to please God?

Faith that He exists and that He rewards those who faithfully (diligently) seek Him.

9. To find the way to God, who do we have to follow?

Jesus – our gentle Shepherd.

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