



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 9: 18-26

While Jesus was speaking, an official came forward, knelt down before him, and said,

"My daughter has just died.

But come, lay your hand on her, and she will live."

Jesus rose and followed him, and so did his disciples.

A woman suffering hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the tassel on his cloak.

She said to herself, "If only I can touch his cloak, I shall be cured."

Jesus turned around and saw her, and said,

"Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."

And from that hour the woman was cured.

When Jesus arrived at the official's house

and saw the flute players and the crowd who were making a commotion, he said, "Go away! The girl is not dead but sleeping."

And they ridiculed him.

When the crowd was put out, he came and took her by the hand, and the little girl arose.

And news of this spread throughout all that land.

Our Scripture Reflection

It's amazing what people will do when they are desperate. The synagogue official risked public chastisement from the scribes and Pharisees for kneeling

before the despised Jesus and the bleeding woman risked stoning for touching a man in public, but they did anyway. They believed in Jesus and their needs were met by Him.

Food for your Journey

“It was a shock for me to see how they came up to me to ask for my help,” says actor James Caviezel, who starred in *The Passion of the Christ*. When asked to heal the sick during a tour in Veracruz, Mexico, he reports, “I had to explain to them that I was only an actor and that I wasn’t really the son of God.”

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Be with me, Lord, during my time of need. May I always glorify Your Holy Name. Amen.