



## *Just a Touch*

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Everybody wanted to see Jesus – wherever he went there was a crowd wanting to hear his stories. I went with my brother to the lake to see him. He told the most amazing stories that showed us a different way of looking at life and helped us to understand more about God. There was a huge crowd of us there, but his voice carried in such a way that we could hear every word.

Suddenly, he was interrupted by Jairus, who was a leader at the synagogue. He pushed his way through the crowd, begging for help. His daughter was dying and he needed a miracle from Jesus. He wanted Jesus to touch her and he knew that she would get better if that happened. Jesus stopped speaking and followed Jairus to his house. As I said, there was a huge crowd and it was difficult for them to get through. Jesus stopped and asked who had just touched his cloak. Lots of people had touched him, so it was a surprise that he asked. A woman knelt down before him, crying, and said it was her and that she had just wanted to be healed. Jesus told her she was healed by her faith.

Then we heard that Jairus' daughter was dead and that Jesus was too late to save her. Everyone was shocked and sad and there didn't seem much point in Jesus going to the house, but he carried on, saying 'Do not fear, only believe.' We waited outside the house for news.

Apparently, the girl was actually dead, but Jesus said she was only sleeping. He touched her and she got up. They should know better by now than to disbelieve Jesus. He's a great speaker and an amazing healer. That's two people he cured in the space of a few minutes.