

HÅB 1.3 Jesus – helbrederen – Lukas-evangeliet 8,40-56

Verden er fuld af lidelser. Børn dør i hænderne på deres forældre. Mennesker kæmper med uhelbredelige sygdomme. Hvordan reagerer Jesus i mødet med sygdom og elendighed?

Når folk hele tiden flokkedes om Jesus, var det bl.a., fordi der gik rygter om, at han helbredte syge. Teksten her handler om to sensationelle helbredelser. Hvis man ellers kan kalde den sidste en helbredelse!

Kvinden, vi hører om, havde lidt af blødninger i 12 år.

Hun har ikke kun døjet med en uforklarlig sygdom, men blødninger gjorde ifølge Mose lov et menneske urent.

Spørgsmål

- Prøv at beskrive kvindens situation efter 12 års sygdom, fysisk, psykisk og åndeligt.
- Hun mente, det hjalp at røre ved Jesu kappe. Hvad siger det om hendes syn på Jesus?
- Hvorfor mon Jesus tvinger hende til at fortælle offentligt, hvad hun har gjort? Og hvad mener han med, at din tro har helbredt dig? Er det en psykologisk forklaring på det, der er sket (på samme måde, som kalktabletter kan helbrede diverse sygdomme, fordi folk tror, det er rigtig medicin)?
- Da folk fortæller, at den lille pige er død, giver Jesus ikke op. Hvad viser det om hans tro på sine egne muligheder?
- Hvorfor vil han ikke have mængden med ind til pigen? Og hvorfor er Jesu første kommentar efter den dramatiske opvækkelse, at de skal give hende noget at spise? Og endelig: Hvorfor må de ikke sige det til nogen? Er det ikke godt PR?
- Teksten beskriver Jesus som en, der kan det umulige. Han ved, hvad folk tænker. Han kan helbrede, bare ved at folk rører ved hans kappe. Og han kan opvække en død bare med et ord. Er det troværdigt? Skyldes det ikke datidens uvidenhed? Er der detaljer i teksten, som taler for begivenhedernes troværdighed? Hvis det virkelig har fundet sted, hvad fortæller det så om Jesus?

Da Jesus kom tilbage, tog skaren imod ham, for alle havde ventet på ham. Så kom der en mand, som hed Jairus; han var synagogeforstander. Han faldt ned for Jesu fødder og bad ham om at gå med hjem, for hans eneste datter lå for døden; hun var omkring tolv år. Mens Jesus var på vej derhen, trængtes skarerne omkring ham. Men der var en kvinde, som i tolv år havde lidt af blødninger, og selv om hun havde brugt alt, hvad hun ejede, på læger, kunne hun ikke helbredes af nogen. Hun nærmede sig Jesus bagfra og rørte ved kvasten på hans kappe, og straks ophørte hendes blødninger. Jesus sagde: "Hvem var det, som rørte ved mig?" Da ingen ville være ved det, sagde Peter: "Mester, folk trænges jo om dig, og de skubber." Men Jesus sagde: "Der var en, som rørte ved mig, for jeg mærkede, at der udgik en kraft fra mig." Da kvinden så, at det ikke var forblevet ubemærket, kom hun skælvende frem, og hun faldt ned for ham og fortalte i hele folkets påhør, hvorfor hun havde rørt ved ham, og hvordan hun straks var blevet helbredt. Han sagde til hende: "Datter, din tro har frelst dig. Gå bort med fred!" Endnu mens han talte, kommer der én fra synagogeforstanderens hus og siger: "Din datter er død. Gør ikke Mesteren mere ulejlighed." Men da Jesus hørte det, sagde han til ham: "Frygt ikke, tro kun, så vil hun blive frelst." Da han kom til huset, tillod han kun Peter og Johannes og Jakob og barnets far og mor at gå med ind. Alle græd og jamrede over pigen. Men han sagde: "Græd ikke, for hun er ikke død, hun sover." De lo ad ham, for de vidste, at hun var død; men han tog hendes hånd og råbte: "Pige, rejs dig op!" Da vendte hendes ånd tilbage, hun stod straks op, og han gav dem besked om at give hende noget at spise. Og hendes forældre blev ude af sig selv, men han forbød dem at sige til nogen, hvad der var sket.

HOPE 1.3 Jesus, the healer – Luke 8:40-56

The world is full of suffering. Children die in the hands of their parents. People are struggling with incurable diseases. How does Jesus respond in encounters with disease and misery?

When people flocked round Jesus, it was partly because there were rumors that he healed the sick. The text here is about two sensational healings. Provided you can call the last one a healing!

The woman, we hear about, had suffered from bleeding for 12 years.

She has not only struggled with an inexplicable disease, but according to the Mosaic law, bleeding make a person unclean.

Questions

- Try to describe the woman's situation after 12 years of illness, physically, mentally and spiritually.
- She thought it would help to touch Jesus' cloak. What does this tell us about her view on Jesus?
- Why did Jesus compel her to tell the public what she had done? And what does he mean by saying that your faith has healed you? Is it a psychological explanation for what has happened (in the same way as calcium tablets can cure various diseases because people think it is real medicine)?
- When people tell Jesus that the little girl is dead, he does not give up. What does this show about his belief in his own opportunities?
- Why will Jesus not let the crowd go in with him to see the girl? And why is Jesus' first comment after the dramatic resurrection that they shall give her something to eat? And finally: Why are they not allowed to tell anyone? Is it not good PR?
- The text describes Jesus as one who is able the impossible. He knows what people are thinking. He can heal just by people touching his cloak. And he can restore a dead person to life by just one word. Is it credible? Is the reason not the ignorance of that time? Are there details in the text which speak for the credibility of the events? If it really took place, what does it tell about Jesus?

Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. Then a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying. As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped. "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you." But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me. Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace. While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," he said. "Don't bother the teacher any more." Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed." When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep." They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.