

# Mark 5:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.

## Analysis

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Jesus 'went with him'—immediate response to faith's cry. The phrase shows compassion and willingness despite crowds and demands. 'Much people followed him, and thronged him'—the crowd pressed close, creating difficulty for movement and providing context for hemorrhaging woman's approach (vv. 25-34). The verb 'thronged' (συνέθλιβον) means pressed, crushed together—almost suffocating closeness. Jesus' journey to Jairus' house gets interrupted by another faith-crisis. The delay tests Jairus' faith—would he trust Jesus despite apparent slowness? The crowd's presence provides witnesses to coming miracle.

## Historical Context

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Ancient Palestinian culture lacked personal space concepts—crowds pressed close to teachers and celebrities. The throng made movement slow and difficult. This setting explains hemorrhaging woman's strategy—approaching secretly through crowd, touching garment's fringe (Mark 5:27-28). The crowd's presence provided both obstacle (delaying Jesus) and opportunity (allowing woman's unnoticed approach). The delay intensified crisis—while Jesus walked, Jairus' daughter died (Mark 5:35). This timing tested faith and set stage for greater miracle—not just healing dying girl but raising dead daughter. Early church saw this as Christological proof—authority over death itself.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus' willingness to be interrupted demonstrate compassionate availability?
2. What does Jairus' patience during delay teach about trusting God's timing in crisis?
3. How do you respond when God seems slow to answer desperate prayers?

## Interlinear Text

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| καὶ   | ἀπῆλθεν    | μετ'       | αὐτόν | καὶ   | ἠκολούθει | αὐτόν | ὄχλος  |
| And   | Jesus went | with       | him   | And   | followed  | him   | people |
| G2532 | G565       | G3326      | G846  | G2532 | G190      | G846  | G3793  |
|       |            |            |       |       |           |       |        |
| πολύς | καὶ        | συνέθλιβον | αὐτόν |       |           |       |        |
| much  | And        | thronged   | him   |       |           |       |        |
| G4183 | G2532      | G4918      | G846  |       |           |       |        |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Mark 5:31** (Parallel theme): And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?