

## Luke 8:45

*And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' "*

Are you one who is “thronging” Jesus, or are you “touching” Jesus?

It seems that there are some churches and Christians now a days that have turned Jesus into a famous movie star or they worship Him like he is a Rock Star. So many “throng” to churches every Sunday because they like the music and lights and it makes them feel like they are at a concert. They “throng” to pastors who entertain them making them feel good and happy about themselves, and they just love those stories that the pastor tells that make them laugh or even cry with all the emotions packed into a story.

Even Paul warned Timothy about these things happening in the last days when he wrote to him.

† **2 Timothy 3:1-5** *But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!*

Paul hit the nail right on the head when he wrote that people who do so, “*will be lovers of themselves, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power.*” Because they go to church, more for an entertainment factor, and because everyone else in their circle of friends are doing it, not caring about the needs of others, or even what God wants to speak to them, only themselves and what they want to get out of it.

In today’s account, we read of how the people would “throng” Jesus, because they wanted to be a part of the “in” crowd, and they wanted to see Jesus in action... You could almost hear them saying, “*Put on a show for us Jesus*” while they crowded around Him like they were His posse.

† **Luke 8:40** *So it was, when Jesus returned, that the multitude welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him.*

and what was the show that everyone was going to see this time?

† **Luke 8:41-42** *And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him.*

Jairus’ daughter was dying, and the people wanted to see a show by Jesus; Therefore, “*the multitudes thronged Him.*”

Think about it, your child is at the point of death, and all your family and friends and even strangers do what? Follow close behind Jesus and you with cell phones out, taking videos and selfies and posting play by play action on social media. Well, it wasn't exactly like that in Jesus day, but if they had cell phones, that's just what these people who "thronged" Jesus would be doing, and it's the same thing people are doing today.

Can you imagine getting to heaven and saying to God, *"I knew Jesus, I even have videos on my cell phone of some of the things He did, and I "secretly" took selfies with Him (Jesus would not allow selfies to be done with Him). Come on God, just look at my social media pages, and You will see how much Jesus and I were best buds."*

But Jesus would respond to those who would say or even think such a thing: ***"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"*** Matthew 7:23

Jesus will say that to those that "throng" Him, because they never had a real relationship with Jesus, they only wanted to be a part of the crowd and be entertained with those worship songs that those who truly love Jesus use to worship Him with.

† **Luke 8:43-44** *Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.*

This woman with the issue of blood for twelve years was not a thronger, she was a worshipper of Jesus, coming to Him for who He is, knowing that He is God, and only He (Jesus) could heal her, because Jesus was her only hope. She could care less about entertainment or being a part of the crowd. Rather, she wanted to be a part of Jesus' life and instead of thronging Jesus, she got down as low as she could to simply touch the hem of His garment, because she knew that Jesus was too Holy to even touch his feet and could only bring herself to "touch" the hem of His garment. Not "throng" to get "some of that Jesus stuff", but to simply bow down to Him and love Him for Who He is. Her Savior and Healer!.

So ask yourself the same questioned I opened up with. Are you one who is "thronging" Jesus, or are you "touching" Jesus?

† **Matthew 7:13-14** *"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."*

† **Matthew 11:28-30** *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*