

MARK 5:21-24-35-43 JAIRUS

SETTING: Read **MK. 5:21-43**

- These two intertwined miracles display the supernatural power and tender compassion of Jesus.
- More than 700 years earlier Isaiah prophesied, "a bruised reed He would not break, nor a smoldering wick He will not extinguish. (Isa. 42:3)
- The rejection of Christ by the Gadarenes becomes the advantage to the Galileans. The rejection of the gospel by Israel opens the door for the Gentiles to receive it, Satan stirring the hearts of the Jewish leaders to crucify Christ turns to the salvation of the world. God is in control..
- What a rapid change of emotion and situations from vs 34 to vs. 35. "Daughter go into peace, be healed of your affliction, then to poor Jairus, "your daughter is dead."
- Luke 8:42 tells us Jairus had only one daughter and she was most likely his only child.
- In Jewish custom and life, a girl turning 12 was a great event in her life. A time of passage into adulthood, becoming a woman.
- From an esteemed synagogue official to a poor social outcast, Jesus displays His love for humanity.
- VS 23 Jairus says, "my little daughter." He felt the tender power of parental ownership and love. He actually feels her as part of himself, they are one.
- All through the sickness Jesus was not called, but when all hope had passed Jairus goes to him.
- Why do we go to Jesus last? We should go to Him immediately with everything.
- Why did Jesus go to his house, He could have healed her from where he was at. (Lk. 7, the centurion's servant.)
- When Jairus comes to Jesus his words are, "My little daughter lies at the point of death." Literally meaning the "last gasps of life."
- Now, Jairus translated means, "Jehovah enlightens." Let's look and see what God enlightens us about Himself and mankind.
- I know we will see fragile faith, faltering faith , but faith indeed.
- Even a little faith is a great thing, and it is not always the amount of faith that is the issue, it is where or in whom or faith is placed.
- We will see faith tried, faith challenged and faith strengthened, then also faith triumphant that is the reward of faith.
- Satan would dance as he sees Jairus's faith falter, he feels he has the victory and derailed the purpose of Christ, but wait, at Jesus' word the victory is won and secured.

FRAGILE FAITH:

- What did Jairus know about Jesus?

- Was he in the synagogue when Jesus delivered the man possessed with a demon? (MK. 1:21-28)
- Was he in the synagogue when Jesus healed the man with the withered hand? (Mk 3:1-6)
- Was he one of the leaders of the Jews whom the centurion sent to ask Jesus to heal his servant? (Lk. 7:1-5)
- Was Jairus aware of the opposition the Jewish leaders had against Christ?
- I believe the answer to all of these is most likely yes. He would have been a personal witness to these things or had firsthand knowledge of them all.
- From these events Jairus would have formed an opinion of the authenticity of Jesus.
- Unlike Nicodemus who came to Jesus at night, Jairus came openly, boldly in the broad daylight, falling at Jesus feet, and this in front of all. (how he must have loved his little girl)
- Mt. 9:18 says Jairus bowed himself down before Jesus, an act of humility, homage, and worship.
- Jairus' prayer was humble for he falls at the feet of Christ, (22), it is believing, for he believes Christ has authority over sickness, (23) and it is bold for he offers it in the face of all the people. He has faith.

FAITH TRIED:

- VS. 35; when Jairus had received the news of his daughter's death, his faith in Jesus and His power received a terrific blow.
- Here was the perfect collision of faith and doubt.
- Upon hearing these most dreadful and feared words, "your daughter is dead," what piercing of his heart what pain must they have brought.
- The fragile faith he had was in now beginning to leak out, the great stab of his heart was too much.
- Is it not like our dear Savior withhold the answer of the prayer until the situation has become impossible.
- Our hopes could not then be half on man and half on God, it must rest only on God alone. He must answer or all is lost. And He answers.
 - (Rom. 4:18, In hope he believed against hope,

FAITH STRENGTHENED:

- The timing here is nothing short of divine. Were hope, faith and courage rising in Jairus' heart as the recent healing of the woman and her display of faith ran through his mind?
- Though he was anxious to bring Jesus to his little sick and dying girl, this delay worked something powerful in his heart. The woman's faith encouraged his faith.
- Jairus can support his faltering faith by recalling the healing of this woman.

- Jesus instantly responds to Satan's attack on faith. He embraces Jairus's faltering faith and breathes life into it. "Be not afraid, only believe. "
- Be not afraid, only believe. (Go on believing.)
- LK. 8:50 adds that Jesus not only encouraged Jairus with "do not be afraid, only believe", but also "and she will be made well."
- What mercy and love the holy Master bestows upon us, what tenderness and attentive care He brings to us. (Rom. 8:31-38)
- The same word Jesus spoke to the woman in vs. 34.

FAITHS' REWARD:

- Jesus' words, "I say unto you." The emphasis is on the word, "I" who is this "I." The great I AM.
- "Talitha Cumi: Only Mark quotes the Aramaic, the daily language spoken by many Jews in the first century.
- Its meaning being; youth, little, or lamb and arise. Could literally be "little lamb arise." Either way it is a term of endearment and kindness.
- Lk. 8:55 adds, "Her spirit returned" she really was dead.
- Immediately the words of Christ reach away into the other world and her spirit that had entered into its abode comes back again to find its former house/body healed and fit for habitation.
- Jesus is Master in both worlds and his voice is obeyed. Both worlds are within range of His voice.
- Through Christ's death and resurrection, death has been changed. For the body death is now but "a slipping into a sleep."
- The body will be raised again, though now it lays in the ground as it were asleep waiting for that great resurrection day, when as Christ was raised from the dead, so will our bodies be made alive and then being united with our spirits we shall live forever in the presence of the Lord.
- Death is not permanent.
 - **1 Thess. 4:13-18**
 - **1 Cor. 15:52-54**
- The body sleeps but the spirit is alive and well in Jesus.
 - **2 Cor. 5:8, We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.**
- There was not time to wonder if she was going to be healed, she was instantly, rising up and walking about.
- She was made whole, restored, made well.
- From death to life in a moment with His command and touch.
- The parents' grief was instantly transformed from grief to joy, from pain to praise.
- VS. 42; And they were overcome with great amazement.. Astonished, meaning to stand outside oneself, out of their minds with amazement, besides themselves.

CONCLUSION:

- **What has God done for you, me?**