

## Jairus' Daughter Raised From The Dead

Matthew 9:18-27

**18** While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live." **19** So Jesus arose and followed him, and so *did* His disciples.

**20** And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. **21** For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well." **22** But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour.

**23** When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, **24** He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him. **25** But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. **26** And the report of this went out into all that land. NKJV

Mark 5:21-24

**21** Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. **22** And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet **23** and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live." **24** So *Jesus* went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him.

Mark 5:35-43

**35** While He was still speaking, *some* came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house* who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

**36** As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe." **37** And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. **38** Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. **39** When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping."

**40** And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those *who were* with Him, and entered where the child was lying. **41** Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." **42** Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years *of age*. And they were overcome with great amazement. **43** But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that *something* should be given her to eat.

Luke 8:40-56

**40** So it was, when Jesus returned, that the multitude welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him. **41** 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, **42** for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. **43** 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, **44** came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.

**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?'"

**46** But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." **47** Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

**48** And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

**49** While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house*, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."

**50** But when Jesus heard *it*, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." **51** When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. **52** Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." **53** And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.

**54** But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." **55** Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given *something* to eat. **56** And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

“A ruler of the synagogue.” Every synagogue had a council or board of elders and Jairus was the ruler {chairman} of such a board. The people would have held him in high esteem.

Jairus comes in great distress for his only child {only begotten} was mortally ill. Very soon, after the woman touches Jesus’ garment, Jairus is informed that his daughter is dead {Luke 8:49}.

“Stop bothering the Master, it is too late for Him to do anything, she is dead!” {49}

Jesus heard what they said: “Do not be afraid, Fear not, Believe ...” {50}

Jesus takes Peter, James and John to the house where the professional mourners had already begun wailing and the minstrels {flute players} were playing. This custom, it is said, helped other people to weep.

Jesus sees this confusion {Mark 5:39} and asks, “Why make all this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping.”

As in the case with Lazarus, He is not saying that she is not literally dead, but is indicating that He will raise her to life and it will seem to her to have only been asleep.

They crowd hooted and laughed Him to scorn.  
They know when someone is dead!

“But when He had put them all out.” {Mark 5:40}

There is a great lesson in this sentence.  
The popular paintings of Jesus show Him as a pale weakling.

Jesus was a carpenter and used to handling large, heavy wooden beams. He was very strong physically but not personally attractive {Isaiah 53:1-3}.

“Talitha, cumi!” “Maid arise!”  
She immediately gets up and the Lord commands that no one should know it and that she be given something to eat.

Some commentators say that giving her something to eat was to prove the genuineness of the miracle. While that may be true, I don't believe that Jesus needed their approval but that He was simply looking after her need because no one else in all that excitement would think to do it.

Some thoughts:

Only Jesus can give life.

Unbelievers are dead in trespasses and sins.

Death has no respect for tender years, a 12-year old child.

Jesus would not show His power to the scoffers; although He did perform miracles before unbelievers on other occasions.

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