

Mark 5:21-24, 35-43 — “Jesus Raises Jairus’ Daughter From The Dead!”

It was an unusual thing for a ruler of the synagogue to be at the feet of Jesus, yet that is the best place for us all. If God has placed any of you in an eminent position, it will well become you to fall at the feet of Jesus as Jairus did. There is no place more suitable, no place more honourable, no place more profitable, than at the feet of Jesus. What brought Jairus there? It was his great necessity; and that is what will bring us there, a sense of our great need. (Spurgeon)

Mark 4-5 provides 4 hopeless situations — and Jesus shows His power & authority over them all!

- The Troubled Sea,
- The Tormented Sinner
- The Traumatized Sufferer
- The Tragedy of the Schoolgirl

THESIS — IN MARK 5, we wanna go back in time & see the power of Christ on display as we observe this account....

why? so that you will be “completely astounded” at your Christ

I. SEE THE DESPERATION OF THE FATHER! (21-24)

- 4 helpful pointers for desperate situations, earnest prayer & divine answers:
 1. **Go in prayer!** — We must put ourselves in the presence of Jesus (Jairus came to Jesus).
 2. **Go in humility!** — We must humble ourselves sincerely before Jesus (he fell at His feet).
 3. **Go with earnestness!** — We must lay open our request with a holy earnestness (and begged Him earnestly).
 4. **Go with confidence!** — We must have total confidence in the power & authority of Christ (come and lay your hands on her and she will live).

The man Jarius came to Jesus because he believed Jesus could do for him what no one else could! His humble faith is a model we all should emulate. His request was straight forward and to the point delivered in dependency and urgency
(Daniel Akin)

Thou art coming to a King, large petitions with thee bring,
for his grace and pow'r are such, none can ever ask too much.

– John Newton

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II. SEE THE DEATH OF THE GIRL ! (35-39)

vv.37-38 = funeral customs in ancient Judaism

-funeral customs. “Commotion”—noise, uproar, troubled confusion.

-professional mourners would be present: A choral song, antiphony, accompanied by hand-clapping. The number of mourners would be large—especially given Jairus’ status. It would have been “intense wailing.”

In a world of fear, God speaks: ‘Fear not; only believe!’ (see Luke 8:50).

The promises of God are described in Scripture as...

1. Unfailing (1 Kings 8:56)
2. Assured (Romans 4:21)
3. Grounded in Christ (2 Corinthians 1:20)
4. Great and precious (2 Peter 1:4)
5. Everlasting (1 John 2:25).

III. SEE THE DIVINITY OF THE SAVIOR! (40-43)

A moment ago, the girl was a corpse, pale and lifeless. Now she is walking around, filled with life, health and vigor.

Therefore the astonishment of the overjoyed parents and of the 3 disciples as well knows no bounds. And in this astonishment all others who saw her afterwards must have joined” (Hendriksen).

- From the resurrection account of Jairus’ daughter, we glean 4 reminders:
 1. It’s a reminder that all who die in the Lord shall be raised because death, though real, is only temporary / a sleep (John 5:28-29; 1 Thess 4:16; John 11:11-14)
 2. It’s a reminder that death does not have the last word in the life of the Christian. As far as the Christian is concerned, death is not a period but a **comma** in the life of the child of God.
 3. It’s a reminder that the day will come when there will be **no more separation**. We will be reunited with all believers.
 4. It’s a reminder that only God has the power to give life to the dead (physically & spiritually)

- Why did Jesus say to tell no one of the miracle? (v.43). A few reasons:
 1. Because the curiosity of the crowds may hinder his ministry;
 2. Because it may be an act of judgment to hide truth from those who reject;
 3. Because Jesus doesn't want to focus on the healing-power but on the saving gospel (focus should be on spiritual more than physical)
 4. Because Jesus didn't want her to be the focus of attention — but Christ alone.

And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again." He did not want to be known as a healer or miracle worker—or even only as the Christ—those were true but incomplete. When He is proclaimed, it must be as the crucified and risen Savior. (John MacArthur)

PRAYER MEETING OUTLINE:

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ADORATION - the glory/power of Christ
 confess his glory
 praise his glory
 meditate on his glory
 for more understanding of his glory
 to not be dull toward his glory

REALIZATION - life is short; we are quickly passing (like this girl) death is coming
 maximize life for God's glory
 make the most of every hour
 live for God's praise
 live our ALL for God - strength, vigor,
 life, energy to be useful for Christ.

GREATER FAITH -

Prayer
 Leadership Development
 pray an impossible prayer request.

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

What a friend we have in Jesus,
 all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry
 everything to God in prayer!
 O what peace we often forfeit,
 O what needless pain we bear,
 all because we do not carry
 everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged;
 take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Can we find a friend so faithful
 who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our every weakness;
 take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,
 cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge--
 take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Do your friends despise, forsake you?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield you;
 you will find a solace there.

PSALM 113: THE PSALTER
(Tune: Come thou fount of every blessing)

Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah! Praise, O servants of
the Lord;
Bless-ed be the Lord's name ever—praise Him now
and evermore.
From the rising of the sun to where it sets at end of
day,
The Lord's name is to be praised in ev'ry place the sun
has sway.

For the Lord is high above the nations of earth
everywhere,
And His glory is exalted o'er the heav'ns, none can
compare.
Who is like the Lord our God—the One who sits
enthroned on high?
He who stoops to look upon all on the earth from
heaven high.

He does raise the poor from dust; lifts needy ones from
the ash heap;
He seats them with princes, and with princes He their
lives will keep.
He will give the barren woman joy in children all her
days;
In a home she will abide—O to the Lord be joyful
praise!

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the name! I'm fixed upon it
Name of Thy redeeming love

Hitherto Thy love has blessed me
Thou hast brought me to this place
And I know Thy hand will bring me
Safely home by Thy good grace
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Oh that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Full arrayed in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry
Bring Thy promises to pass
For I know Thy pow'r will keep me
Till I'm home with Thee at last