

The Daughter of Jairus

(Mk 5:22, 23, 35-42; Jn 1:1-18)

I. THE FAITH OF A FATHER

- A. Seeking Jesus—*the One in whom faith is placed*
- B. Falling at Jesus' Feet—*posture of humble desperation*
- C. Interceding for His Daughter—*not her faith for herself; her father's*
 - 1. The intercession of parents for children
 - 2. The intercession of friend for friend (Mk 2:3-5)
 - 3. The intercession of the church for its members (Act 12:5; Js 5:14-15)

II. THE VOICES OF UNBELIEF (35-40)

- A. Whispering (35; Ps 112:6-8)—*The fear of bad news*
 - 1. You're too late. *The worst thing you feared has happened.*
 - 2. You're bothering God. *Insecurity and Pride*
 - 3. This is too hard, even for Jesus. *Death is final.*
- B. Clamoring (38-39; Mat 9:23)—*Weeping, Wailing, and Sad Music*
 - 1. Sometimes you need to shut out others and be alone with Jesus.
 - 2. Sometimes you need to change the music.
- C. Scoffing (40; Ps 1:1; Jude 18)—*Ridiculing of Faith*

III. **THE PERSPECTIVE OF JESUS** (41-42) *“She is not dead but sleeping.”*

A. **The Metaphor of Sleeping** (Jn 11:11-14)—euphemism or teaching?

B. **The Authority of Jesus**

1. **His Word** (Gen 1, Jn 1; Heb 1:3; Jn 5:28-29)

- a. The authoritative **command** of God at **Creation**
- b. The authoritative **explanation** of God at the **Incarnation**
- c. The authoritative command of Christ at the **Resurrection**

2. **His Touch** (23; Num 19:11)

- a. **Conveys Authority**—*OT Patriarchs and NT Apostles*
- b. **Transmits Grace**—*spiritual blessing or miracle*
- c. **Ritual Impurity**—*touching a corpse would make you unclean but the greater power wins!*

C. **The Antidote to Fear** (Lk 12:32)—*Jesus*

1. **Jesus Cares.** *He is the Incarnation of God’s compassion!*
2. **Jesus Responds to Intercession.** (Eph 5:1-9) *Parents, friends, church*
3. **Jesus Can Handle Anything.** (Prov 14:32; Mat 28:20; Rom 8:35-39; Heb 13:5; Ps 16) *Even death; certainly life!*