



Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter

FAMILIES IN TRUTH

Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43



In today's passage, we see two miracles. As Jesus begins to help one desperate person, another desperate person crosses His path. This is not a problem for Jesus. His power is limitless! He can change both these lives, and even allow one to strengthen the faith of the other.

Day #1: At Jesus' Feet

Have you ever done something that has made you stand out in a crowd? Do you ever feel different from those around you? Today we'll read about a man who was very different from his friends.

Most of the Jewish leaders in Jesus' day did not put their trust in Jesus. Most of them were annoyed that Jesus taught differently than they did. They were angry that people who once listened to them were beginning to listen to Jesus. These men thought they knew more than Jesus, so they looked down on Him.

Jairus was a Jewish leader. He was in charge of the synagogue - the building where the Jews came to study and worship. But Jairus was not like the other leaders. He **did** put his trust in Jesus.

Jairus' 12-year-old daughter was very sick. Jesus had been teaching in another town across the lake. As Jesus returned to the side of the lake where Jairus lived, Jairus was waiting for Him. Jairus had a great need, and he was sure that Jesus had the power to help Him.

✝ *Seeing Jesus, (Jairus) fell at His feet.* - Mark 5:22b

This is an important statement. While all the other religious leaders were looking down their noses at Jesus, Jairus fell to Jesus' feet. Even though most of Jairus' friends did not respect Jesus, Jairus showed his great respect for Jesus by humbling himself. Jairus bowed low because He understood that Jesus was far above every other leader. By bowing to Jesus in public, Jairus showed that He did not care what other people thought. He didn't try to protect his reputation. He needed Jesus, and that was all that mattered.

✱ Are you, like Jairus, around people who do not love and respect Jesus? Do you find it difficult to talk about your trust in Jesus when you are around these people? Gain courage by looking at Jairus' wonderful example. He bowed to Jesus in front of others, and he was blessed beyond imagination.

Day #2: Compassion

Jairus had complete trust that Jesus could heal his daughter, and Jesus was quick to respond to Jairus' desperate plea.



(Jairus) begged Jesus, "Please come. My little daughter is dying. Place your hands on her to heal her. Then she will live." So Jesus went with him. - Mark 5:23-24

Compassion is a deep awareness of someone's suffering, and the desire to take the suffering away. Compassion causes us to feel another person's pain along with them.

In Exodus 34:6, the Lord calls Himself, "The **compassionate** and gracious God." Over and over, the Bible tells us that Jesus was filled with compassion for those around Him (Matthew 14:14, 15, 32, 20:34). Because of His great compassion, Jesus quickly went with Jairus.

As Jesus walked with Jairus, a crowd came along with them. In the crowd was a woman with a terrible blood disease. This poor woman had suffered with pain and weakness for twelve long years. She had gone to every doctor around, and no one could help her. She was desperate to be healed.

Someone told this sick woman about Jesus. When she heard He was in town, she mustered up all of her strength and worked her way through the crowd just to get near Him. She did not even consider speaking to Him. She only wanted to touch Jesus' clothes, and she knew she would be healed. As Jesus passed by, she reached out her weak hand and touched the edge of His robe. Instantly, she was healed. We'll see Jesus' compassionate reaction to this woman tomorrow.



The Creator of the universe has compassion for you! He feels what you feel. He suffers when you suffer. Don't ever believe the lie that no one knows what you are going through. Jesus does, and He wants to comfort you and take away your pain.

Jesus has the power to help when no one else can - and the perfect wisdom to always do exactly what is best for you!

Day #3: Go in Peace

Imagine that you came home from school one day and smelled fresh baked cookies in your kitchen. Seeing a wonderful batch of cookies on the counter, you just *had* to eat one - or two! Later that day, you heard your Mom call out, "Who ate a cookie?" Right away you felt

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that you had done something wrong. You came into the kitchen and admitted you had eaten them. Your mom smiled widely and said, "Great! I baked them just for you!" How would you feel at that moment? (Relief, joy, gratitude)

When the sick woman touched Jesus' robe, He felt healing power leave His body. Jesus made a point to stop and speak to whoever had touched Him in faith.

 *Jesus kept looking around. He wanted to see who had touched Him. Then the woman came and fell at His feet. She knew what had happened to her. She was shaking with fear. But she told Him the whole truth.*

He said to her, "Dear woman, your faith has healed you. Go in peace. You are free from your suffering." - Mark 5:32-34

Again we see Jesus' compassion. The woman had come for healing. Jesus gave that, and so much more. He also gave her peace. He didn't want this faith-filled woman sneaking off feeling like she had stolen something from Him. Jesus wanted her to know that it was His great pleasure to heal her.

 You are NEVER "bothering" Jesus when you come to Him! It is just the opposite! He is so PLEASED when you come to Him. Your prayers to Jesus prove that you have faith: You pray to Him because you know that He is almighty God, and you trust that He wants to help you (Hebrews 11:6). Nothing is too big or too small to take to Jesus!

Day #4: In Faith

Yesterday we read that the humble woman with a blood disease thought her need was probably bothersome to Jesus, but Jesus did not see it that way at all. Jesus used the woman's situation for good. He used her healing to show His power to everyone in the crowd - especially Jairus.

Just moments later, Jairus received some terrible news.

 *While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus. He was the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"*

But Jesus didn't listen to them. He told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid. Just believe." - Mark 5:35-36

It was in this moment that Jairus had to make a decision. Would he believe the terrible news, or believe in Jesus? Would he stop in his tracks, or continue walking along side the Healer? He had seen that Jesus had power over sickness. Would he believe that Jesus had power over death?

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being certain of what we do not see. - Hebrews 11:1

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Jairus had seen Jesus heal people; he had not seen Jesus raise someone from the dead. Now, in FAITH, Jairus believed that Jesus could do something that he had never seen before. In FAITH, Jairus kept walking with Jesus.

 Our faith believes that Jesus takes away our sin, even though we can't see this with our eyes (John 1:29). Our faith believes we are made new when we trust in Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:17). Our faith believes we will spend eternity with God in a perfect heaven (John 14:2-3).

Is there any promise in God's word that you have trouble believing because you cannot see it? Ask God to give you more faith (Luke 17:5).

Day #5: Arise

Have you ever been a little too late for something? Have you ever missed the school bus, or arrived too late for the beginning of a movie? Sometimes we are late, but that is NEVER the case with Jesus.

When Jesus arrived at Jairus' home, there were many people there. The friends and family members were all sobbing because Jairus' precious daughter had died. Some might have thought that Jesus got there too late. But Jesus' timing is perfect! Because of Jesus' perfect timing, Jairus and his wife would see that Jesus had power over even death.

Jesus told the crowd that there was no need to cry. He said the girl was asleep. Jesus used this word to tell the people that her death was not permanent. But the people were all certain she was dead. The people laughed at Jesus.

Jesus told everyone leave the house except for Jairus and his wife, and a few of His disciples.

 *(Jesus) took her by the hand. Then He said to her, "Talitha kum!" This means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!" The girl was 12 years old. Right away she stood up and walked around. They were totally amazed at this. - Mark 5:41-42*

When Jesus spoke over this lifeless girl, her spirit returned to her (Luke 8:54-55). Through this miracle, Jesus showed that He had complete power over death.

Jesus said..., "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in Me will live, even if he dies. And those who live and believe in Me will never die." - John 11:25-26a

 For those who trust in Jesus, death is not to be feared. It is not permanent. When you trust Jesus, you receive eternal LIFE that begins NOW! Death is not a part of the kingdom of God!