

118. Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter (Mark 5:22-43)

Prayer: Heavenly Father, sometimes sin and death seem very strong. We feel defeated, afraid, and we don't know what to do. When we are in trouble, give us faith that we can come to You, and You will help us. In this Bible study, teach us that You always pay attention to us, and You are eager to take care of us. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Mark 5:21-24. Jesus got into the boat and went back to Israel. Again, a large crowd came to Jesus. One synagogue (Jewish church) ruler named Jairus came to Jesus. He saw Jesus, knelt down, and begged Jesus, "My little daughter is almost dead. Please come, put Your hand on her, so she will be healthy and live." Jesus went with Jairus.

- What did Jairus ask for? How does he come up to Jesus? Does he act like he doubts, or like he really believes?

- What does Jesus do?

Mark 5:25-29. As they walked, a large crowd closely followed Jesus. There was a woman who was bleeding for 12 years. She went to many doctors, spent all her money, but she suffered much and the doctors didn't help. She only became worse, not better. The woman heard about Jesus, so she followed Him in the crowd. She came up behind Jesus and touched His clothes. She thought, "If I only touch His clothes, I will become healed." Immediately, her bleeding stopped, and she could feel she was healed.

- What did the woman want? How did she come up to Jesus? Does she act like she doubts, or like she really believes?

- Why do you think she acts different from Jairus? Why did she want to hide?

- What happened? What did Jesus do?

Mark 5:30-35. Jesus immediately felt that power went out from Him. He stopped, looked at the crowd, and said, "Who touched My clothes?" The disciples asked, "Look at all the people! How can you ask, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus continued looking for the woman. The woman was shaking and afraid because she knew what happened. She came and bowed in front of Jesus and told Him the truth. Jesus told her, "Daughter, your faith made you healthy. Go in peace, you are healed."

- When the woman became healed, what did Jesus do?
- Why do you think Jesus did that? The woman was healed. Isn't that the only important thing?

Mark 5:35-36. While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from Jairus' house. They told him, "Your daughter died. Don't bother the Teacher any more." But Jesus heard what they said. Jesus told Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just believe."

- The men came from Jairus' house to say his daughter died. Do they think Jesus can help any more?
- What do you think is going through Jairus' mind right now?
- What did Jesus tell Jairus? What are the only two things Jairus can do now?

Mark 5:37-40. Then Jesus didn't let anyone follow Him. He only took Peter, and the two brothers, James and John. They arrived at Jairus' house. Jesus saw a lot of people crying and making noise. Jesus said, "Why cry and make noise? The girl is not dead. She is sleeping." The people laughed at Jesus. But Jesus sent everyone outside. Jesus took the girl's mother, father, and His own disciples, and He entered the girl's room.

- It was normal when someone died, neighbors came over and cried loud and made a lot of noise.. What did Jesus tell those people? What did they think?
- Did Jesus let their mocking stop Him?

Mark 5:41-43. Jesus held the girl's hand. He said, "Talitha kum!" That means, "Little girl, I tell you to get up!" Immediately, the girl stood up and walked around. She was 12 years old. They were completely amazed. Jesus gave strict orders, no one should know about what happened. Jesus told them to give the girl something to eat.

- How did Jesus raise the girl? What did He say? What happened?
- Everyone knew Jesus was going to the house to heal the girl. All the neighbors knew the girl had died. Why would Jesus tell the parents to say nothing?