

The Miracles of Jesus

Lesson Eighteen

Raising the Daughter of Jairus from the Dead

Text: Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:41-56

Introduction:

1. After Jesus was asked to leave the country of the Gadarenes, He and His disciples again crossed to the other side of the Sea of Galilee.
2. A great crowd was waiting for His return and quickly gathered to Him.
3. Following this, Jesus had a meal (probably in Matthew's house [Matt. 9:9-10]) and many of the multitude – publicans and sinners – dined with Him.
4. Of course, this upset the Pharisees; so, Jesus used it as an opportunity to teach (Matthew 9:11-17)
5. While here, He was approached by Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue.

I. The Miracle

A. The Plea

1. Jairus fell at the feet of Jesus, begging for the life of his daughter – his only daughter who was 12 years old and at the point of death.
2. He knew that if Jesus laid His hands on her, she would live.

B. The Response

1. Jesus arose and followed Jairus back to his house.
2. The disciples and a great crowd also went along.

C. The Delay

1. As Jesus walked, the crowd “thronged” Him, delaying His journey.
2. Also, a woman touched His garment in an attempt to be healed.
3. Jesus stopped the crowd to find out who had touched Him and why.
4. During this delay, word came that Jarius' daughter had died.

D. The Resurrection

1. Jesus said to Jairus, “Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole.”
2. Jesus, Peter, James, John and the girl's parents went into the house.
3. Jesus proclaimed that she was not dead, but only sleeping.
4. He took her by the hand and said, “Maid, arise.”
5. Immediately, her spirit returned to her and she arose from the dead.

II. The Manifestation

- A. Again, Jesus proved His deity by demonstrating His power over death.
- B. Jesus showed His compassion by answering the pleas of Jairus.

III. The Message

- A. Death comes for all – old and young, rich and poor.
- B. The mightiest are humbled when in dire need – facing sickness and death.
- C. Even in the darkest of times, there is light and hope in Christ.
- D. The power and importance of faith must not be underestimated.
- E. Death is only sleep, for there will be an awakening.
- F. The faithless will mock and ridicule those who believe and trust in God.
- G. The Good News must be shared – it cannot be kept to ourselves!
- H. Compare the faith of Jairus with the faith of the Centurion (cf. Matthew 8:5-13).