

RAISING JARIUS' DAUGHTER Text: Luke 8:41-42, 49-56

Do not be afraid; only believe

Introduction:

- 1. We See Two Very Different People—Seeking the Same Savior,**
 - a. Jarius had twelve years of sunshine that were about to be extinguished.
—The woman had twelve years of agony that seemed hopeless to heal.
 - b. Jarius was an important man, the ruler of the synagogue.
—The woman was a nobody - Lost in the Crowd.
 - c. Jarius was a Successful man & Probably Had Money...
—The woman was poor because she spent all her money on doctors.
 - d. Jarius came publicly - But his daughter was raised secretly.
—The woman came secretly - But was healed publicly.
- 2. They Were Very Different But Had 3 Things in Common:**
 - a. They Had Tried Everything Else — Nothing Worked...
 - b. In Desperation They Went to Christ in Faith...
 - c. Jesus Responded to them Personally...
- 3. JESUS RECOGNIZED THIER FAITH!**

I. THE POWERFUL MIRACLE

A. A DISTRESSED FATHER (v.41-42)

- 1. Jarius is the ruler of the Synagogue**
 - a) He was responsible for the proper order of worship
and the administration of the Synagogue
 - b) It was a Position of Honor and Respect
 - c) And it was a Public Position so he was well known in Capernaum
- 2. But as Prestigious as the position was—it could not make his daughter well**
 - a) Sometimes a person can live a privileged life
 - b) Nothing bad seems to touch them—life is easy
 - c) But then a Tragedy Strikes—leaving a person helpless in shock
- 3. Jarius Has No Where Else to Turn—Except Jesus**
 - a) He falls down at Jesus feet and begs Him to heal his daughter

B. A DYING DAUGHTER (v.42)

- 1. Jarius and His wife have a dear 12 years old daughter**
 - a) She's an Only Child—and she's the light of their life
 - b) She has her whole life ahead of her—But her little light is about to go out
- 2. If You've ever had a sick child then you know the helpless feeling...**
 - a) Your at the mercy of Doctors who may not even know what is wrong
 - b) When they ask, what do you want us to do? You Say—EVERYTHING!
Every Test, Every Specialist, Whatever You Have to Do — Do It!
 - c) This is Where Jarius is At!—He's the ruler of the Synagogue so he'd Heard of Jesus
and Begs Jesus to Help... (Mark 5:22-23)

C. SYMPATHETIC SAVIOR (v.49-50)

1. But Then Jarius Hears the News He Dreaded... (v.49)

- a) Your Daughter is Dead... Why Trouble the Teacher?
- b) I can't imagine the shock of hearing that.
- c) Especially since Jesus was on His way to healing this little girl when He stopped on the way because a woman touched the hem of His garment!

2. Your Daughter is Dead... Why Trouble the Teacher?

- a) They Had Faith that Jesus Could Heal the Sick — but not raise the dead

3. This Moment of Tragedy is a Faith Crisis for Jarius...

- a) But Notice that Jesus is Ministering to Jarius in his grief and shock
- b) Jesus would not allow the small embers of this man's faith be quenched

4. As soon as Jesus heard this He Told Jarius To Do Two Things: (v.50)

- a) 'Do Not Be Afraid'
- b) 'Only Believe and she will be made well'
- c) Could it be that these are the two hardest things—but two best things?
To Not Fear but Believe?

D. A LOUD CROWD OF MOURNERS (v.51-53)

1. Jarius is in the shock and horror of tragedy

- a) and Jesus steps forward with confidence to calm this storm
- b) **Matthew records: (Matthew 9:23-24)**
- c) **Mark records: (Mark 5:37-40)**

2. Were these flute players and loud mourners hired mourners? Family? Townspeople? we don't know...

- a) Different people and cultures deal with grief in different ways
- b) In western culture, quietly — in eastern culture much more openly
- c) In 1st century Palestine—professional mourners were hired the same way a funeral home is hired here

3. We Just Don't Know—What We Do Know is that They Don't Know What Jesus is About to Do!

E. A SACRED PRIVACY OF REVERENT BELIEVERS (v.54)

1. Jesus expels the loud mourners and scoffers who cynically laughed

- a) Jesus only brings Peter, James, John and the Father and Mother

2. The House is Quiet and Still—in reverent expectation...

- a) Jesus only allowed these few in the room...
- b) But the Holy Spirit Brings us into this small room as well
- c) Can you see the mother and father standing in silence and grief?

3. What Jesus was about to Do...

- a) Was so mysterious and holy
- b) so full of Divine compassion and power
- c) That He only allowed a few to stand on this holy ground

4. Just as our worship is to be in holy reverence

F. A CHILD RAISED FROM DEATH TO LIFE! (v.54-56)

1. Young girl, arise...

- a) **Mark gives the Aramaic: (Mark 5:41)** ⁴¹ Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, “Talitha, cumi,” which is translated, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” ⁴² Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years *of age*. And they were overcome with great amazement.
- b) **Luke Gives the Technical (Lk 8:55)** “Little girl, arise.” ⁵⁵ Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately.

2. The spirit of the young girl returned from the unseen realm and reunited with her body

- a) The Textbook Definition of a Resurrection!
- b) James said that the body without the spirit is dead (James 2:26)
- c) The Spirit Reuniting with the body is a resurrection

3. Jesus is so calm and composed with compassion — that He commanded something be given to her to eat!

- a) And I'm Sure Her Mother was More than Happy to do that!

II. THE PROFOUND IMPLICATIONS

A. JESUS CARES ABOUT US

1. Does Anyone Doubt that JESUS CARES? Even About the Small Things?

- a) Jesus Cared about Jarius, cared about His Wife, and cared about Their little Girl with her whole life ahead of her
- b) And He even Cares about the little things—This Little Girl Had Been Through a lot!
- c) and Jesus is still caring for her! So That She's Not Hungry!

2. We See Jesus Power—But We Also See His Compassion!

- a) He Defended Widows
- b) He Took Little Children into His arms and blessed them
- c) He Wept over Jerusalem
- d) He showed mercy to a woman caught in public sin
- e) He forgave the thief on the cross while He Himself was being crucified
- f) He cared more about His mother's care than His own anguish on the cross
- g) He asked the Father to Forgive those who crucified Him
- h) He Even Showed Himself Risen from the Dead to a Disciple who Doubted Him
- i) And He Forgave Peter Who Denied Him 3 Times

3. And He Cares About Us! (Matthew 10:29-31)

B. UNBELIEVERS STILL RIDICULE AND LAUGH AT JESUS

1. The Loud Mourners Ridiculed Jesus because they didn't believe Him and Jesus was often laughed at by unbelievers...

- a) **Men Ridiculed His Origin**
- b) **Men Ridiculed His Actions**

- c) **His Teaching about the Resurrection**
- d) **His Claims to be the Messiah**
- e) **They Mocked Him on Trial:** They Blindfolded Him and Slapped Him—
(**Matthew 26:67**) (**Luke 22:64**) *prophesy: Who slapped you?*
- f) **They Put a Robe on Him** and Hailed Him as King of the Jews
- g) **And They Ridiculed and Taunted While He Was on the Cross**

If You're the Christ then Come Down off the Cross! (**Matt 27:39–42**)

- 2. **Once Again—They Laughed At Him Because They Didn't Believe Him...**
 - a) But When The Centurion Witnessed the 3 hours of Darkness, the Earthquake and Jesus asking the Father to forgive them—
 - b) He Wasn't Laughing—He Was Amazed!
 - c) He said: Truly This was the Son of God!

3. **So It Was Here—The Townspeople Laughed at Jesus—**

- a) But When He Raised the Little Girl from the Dead—Ridicule Turned to Amazement!

4. **For those who have any doubt of this miracle—**

—I Want You to Notice Two Amazing Facts:

a) **FIRST: When Jesus said, 'she is not dead only sleeping...'**

- (1) Whether the unbelievers realized it or not, their laughter and scorn actually confirmed that the girl was absolutely dead!

(Lk 8:53) ⁵³ And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.

- (2) Therefore Jesus allowed those who were there and closest to her to confirm without any doubt the little girl had literally died and was not asleep!

JW McGarvey: "If it were a pretended death and revival, we would expect to see an anxiety on the part of Jesus to make it appear that the girl was dead, and a disposition on the part of the unbelievers present to question this fact. But the reverse is true: it is the unbelievers who insist that the girl is dead, while Jesus alone raises a question about it. Perhaps the chief object of the remark "she is not dead, but sleeps," was to bring forth from those of the house, who had the best opportunity to know the fact, a more emphatic affirmation that she certainly was dead." (JW McGarvey, cited by Fowler, Matthew vol. 2)

- (3) **Jesus Used their Own Unbelief to confirm the Truth that She Was Dead...
but Jesus Brought Her Back to Life!**

b) **SECOND: The identity of this child raised from the dead is clear**

- (1) Her father Jarius was the president of a distinguished synagogue in Capernaum
- (2) She was a daughter who was an only child
- (3) And the record of this miracle is recorded in 3 separate gospel accounts...
—> within the lifetime of the citizens of the city it occurred!

- (4) **Why was it never denied? Because it was impossible to deny!**

Her Life Was a Living Testimony to Jesus Power over Death!

C. JESUS IS MORE THAN A TEACHER—HE HAS CONQUERED DEATH

1. When the servants came they said, ‘your daughter is dead, why bother the teacher any further?’

- a) It Underscored the Idea that Jesus Was a Good Teacher...
- b) That Jesus Might have power to Heal — but not raise from the dead
- c) But Jesus is more than a carpenter, more than a good teacher, more than a miracle worker, more than a leader of men...

2. He is the Alpha and Omega, the First and Last, who was alive, dead, and is alive forevermore and has the keys to hades and death!

“Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. (Rev 1:17-18)

a) So When We Read the Account in Luke we see her spirit returned

⁵⁴ But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, “Little girl, arise.”

⁵⁵ Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. (Lk 8:54-55)

b) DO YOU REALIZE THAT EVER PERSON WHO HAS EVER DIED IS ALIVE

- (1) Ever Person who has ever lived in Human History is Alive Right Now!

c) Some Ask: Why Doesn’t God Bring Justice on the Wicked? ...

- (1) Before Hitler could be captured by the allies or Russians, he committed suicide
- (2) He Had seen what had happened to His friend Mussolini—the people dragged his body through the streets and hung his body up for everyone to see

(3) Did Hitler escape Justice? NO! Hitler is paying for his crimes right now!

- (4) So is Stalin and Pol Pot and the Ceaser’s and Every Bundy, every Gacy Every murderer, every rapist, every liar, every thief

NO ONE ESCAPES JUSTICE

d) Some Ask: Why Doesn’t God Protect the Righteous? ...

- (1) They Are Protected and Comforted RIGHT NOW
- (2) All of the Righteous of All Time are being cared for by God RIGHT NOW

So Where Does That Leave Us?

D. JESUS IS STILL BRINGING SOULS BACK FROM THE DEAD

1. We were all dead in sin—under the condemnation and guilt of sin

- a) Under the Penalty of Physical Death, Spiritual Death and Judicial Death—
—eternal separation from God forever

2. Why Do You Think Jesus Went to the Cross? (Colossians 2:12–14)

CONCLUSION:

1. NOT DEATH BUT LIFE WILL TRIUMPH IN THE END

- a) Jesus told Jarius ‘Do not be afraid; only believe’

2. Jesus Voice will raise all the dead

- a) Spiritually (John 5:24–25)

- b) Physically (John 5:28–29)