

Jesus Heals Jairus's Daughter

A synagogue leader's daughter dies, but Jesus raises her back to life with the words, 'Little girl, get up!'

Mark 5:21-43 • Luke 8:40-56

CHARACTERS: Jesus, Jairus, Jairus's daughter, Mourners

THEMES: Faith, Jesus' power over death, Compassion

THEN ONE OF the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. He pleaded earnestly with him, 'My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.' So Jesus went with him.

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

Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, 'Don't be afraid; just believe.'

He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John. When they came to the home, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.' But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha koum!' (which means 'Little girl, I say to you, get up!').

Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around. She was twelve years old. At this they were completely astonished.

He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Jairus was a respected leader, yet he humbled himself at Jesus' feet. When news came that his daughter had died, Jesus spoke words of faith into his despair: 'Don't be afraid; just believe.' And Jesus proved He had authority even over death.

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