

The Raising Of The Daughter Of Jairus

Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26; Mark 5:21-24, 35-43; Luke 8:41-42, 49-56

Following the exorcism of the man of **Gadara**, **Jesus** and the **apostles** would again cross over the **Sea of Galilee**, and a multitude of people gathered unto Him (**Mark 5:21; Luke 8:40**). Out of this multitude, **Matthew**, **Mark**, and **Luke** all draw particular attention to a certain man; *“behold, there came a certain ruler”* (**Matthew 9:18**), *“And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jarius by name”* (**Mark 5:22**), *“And, behold, there came a man named Jairus”* (**Luke 8:41**). **Matthew**, **Mark**, and **Luke** all used the word *“behold”* a word that is used to introduce something **extraordinary** and **momentous!** It is a word calling upon us to *“give serious thought and consideration”* **Jairus** came to **Christ** on behalf of his sick daughter, and as **Jesus** and the multitude were headed to the house of **Jairus**, there was an interruption in the proceeding, and his daughter died, and then **JESUS DID THE MIRACULOUS IN RAISING HER UP!**

I. THE CASE AND EXAMPLE OF JAIRUS

① **The Position Of Jairus:**

He was a man of high **rank**, one of the most prominent men of **Capernaum**. **Matthew** refers to him as *“a certain ruler”* (**Matthew 9:18**). **Mark** refers to him as *“one of the rulers of the synagogue”* (**Mark 5:22**), and **Luke** writes *“he was a ruler of the synagogue”* (**Luke 8:41**). He was a man with a high social position, a man known among the people, a man of **prestige, power, and influence**, therefore his daughter is referred to as a *“damsel”* (a young unmarried woman of noble birth) in **Mark 5:39, 41-42**. The **rank, fame, prestige, power, and influence** of **Jairus** could not prevent his daughter from getting sick and dying!

② **Jairus Had A Burden And A Great Need:**

Both **Mark** and **Luke** record that the daughter of **Jairus** was **twelve** years old (**Mark 5:42; Luke 8:42**), and **Luke** records that this was his only daughter (**Luke 8:42**). This only daughter of **Jairus** became very very ill, and **Mark** writes that she was *“at the point of death”* (**Mark 5:23**), and **Luke** writes *“she lay a dying”* (**Luke 8:42**), and in **Matthew** it is recorded that **Jairus** said to **Christ** *“My daughter is even now dead”* (**Matthew 9:18**). In other words, in the mind of **Jairus**, she was as good as dead, he was **helpless**, and the case seemed **hopeless!** **JAIRUS WAS GREATLY BURDENED FOR HIS DAUGHTER!**

③ **Jairus Sought Christ:**

Matthew records “*there came a certain ruler*” (**Matthew 9:18**). **Mark** records “*there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name*” (**Mark 5:22**), and **Luke** records “*there came a man named Jairus*” (**Luke 8:41**). HE MADE A DELIBERATE CHOICE TO SEEK CHRIST ON BEHALF OF HIS DAUGHTER! He was willing to risk and sacrifice everything to seek Christ! Because of the nature of the rising opposition that **Jesus** was facing, **Jairus** risked his **place**, his **position**, and **status** in the community by seeking **Jesus** that day! HE WAS WILLING TO SEEK CHRIST AT ALL COST TO HIMSELF! He was not ashamed for everyone to know that he would seek Christ on behalf of his family! Because of the opposition that **Christ** was facing from the “*religious world*” it took **courage** for **Jairus** (a ruler of the synagogue), to **personally** and **visibly** come to **Christ**!

○ He Came In Humility:

Matthew writes that he “*worshipped Him*” (**Matthew 9:18**). **Mark** and **Luke** record that “*he fell at His feet*” (**Mark 5:22; Luke 8:41**). **Jairus** a “*ruler of the synagogue*” comes and takes the place of the lowest of servants, he comes and takes the place of a needy creature, HE WAS NOT ASHAMED TO DO SO! HE WAS NOT ASHAMED TO BE SEEN WITH CHRIST!

○ He Came With A Burdened Heart:

You can hear the **burden**, the **concern**, and the **care** in his words; “*My daughter is even now dead*” (**Matthew 9:18**), “*My little daughter lieth at the point of death*” (**Mark 5:23**).

○ He Came As A Pleader:

Mark records that he “*besought (begged, and pleaded) Him greatly*” (*earnestly*) and “*I pray (beg) thee*” (**Mark 5:23**), and **Luke** says that he “*besought Him*” (**Luke 8:41**). To **plead** is to realize that one is at the mercy of another! His was a prayer that proceeded out of great **need** and **affection**! It was a **specific** prayer “*come and lay thy hand upon her*” (**Matthew 9:18**), “*come and lay thy hands upon her*” (**Mark 5:23**), and “*besought Him that He would come into his house*” (**Luke 8:41**). His was a prayer of **faith** “*come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live*” (**Matthew 9:18**), “*I pray thee, come and lay thy hands upon her, that she may be healed; and she shall live*” (**Mark 5:23**). HE BELIEVED THAT CHRIST WAS ABLE!

④ **There Were Apparent Disruptions That Would Test The Faith Of Jairus:**

○ There Was The Thronging Multitude:

In answer to the prayer of **Jairus**, **Jesus** headed to his house, presumably to heal his daughter (**Matthew 9:18-19**), but progress was being slowed because of the multitude (**Mark 5:24; Luke 8:42**). Surely **Jairus** was in a hurry, thinking that there is no time to spare, and I am sure that he viewed this mob of people as an **intrusion** and a

disruption at a very inopportune time. I am sure that he wished that the people would just back off, so that they could get to his house as quickly as possible. I am sure that it was **exasperating** and very **bothersome** to **Jairus** that the crowd was disrupting the progress toward his house, and that it was continuing to grow! **WHAT SEEMS TO BE DISRUPTIONS TESTS FAITH!**

○ *There Was The Woman With The Issue Of Blood:*

As **Jesus** is slowly making His way toward the house of **Jairus**, a woman with a great need brought the whole procession to a standstill (**Matthew 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48**). This woman who had come up behind **Jesus** and touched Him, and had been made whole, made her way in front of **Jesus** and told her story (**Luke 8:47**). **ANOTHER DISRUPTION!** But this was done to **strengthen the faith of Jairus!** He heard how that for **12** years she had been an **outcast, estranged** from her family, her friends, and from the place of worship. He heard about her **12** years of **anguish, torment, affliction, sorrow** and utter **heartache!** He heard that how she now had nothing! He heard about how she had tried everything, but only got worse! He heard her say, *"I came believing that if I could but touch your garment, that I would be made whole, and when I made my way through this crowd and reached forth and grasped the hem of your garment, I could feel myself immediately whole, I could feel the flow of blood stop"* **Jairus** could see the **joy, the jubilation** that she had! He heard **Jesus** say to her **"Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole"** **Jesus** said that, not only to encourage and to assure this woman, but also for the benefit of **Jairus!** **NO DOUBT, THE FAITH OF JAIRUS WAS BOLSTERED AND STRENGTHENED BY WHAT HE HAD JUST HEARD!**

Oh, that we might learn to look at the **interruptions** that come our way, as **inconvenient** and **inopportune** as they might appear, as **tiresome**, as **annoying**, and as **difficult** as they might be, **THAT WE MIGHT SEE THEM AS OPPORTUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH!**

○ *There Was The News From The House Of Jairus:*

Upon hearing the testimony of the healed woman, **Jairus** was probably more sure than before that **Jesus** was able to heal his dying daughter! **BUT THEN CAME WHAT SEEMED TO BE THE GREATEST DISRUPTION OF ALL** *"Thy daughter is dead"* (**Mark 5:35; Luke 8:49**). **Sorrow** and **anguish** must have filled the heart of **Jairus** at this time! Then came the words *"why troublest the Master any further?"* (**Mark 5:35; Luke 8:49**). In other words, *"It's all over, there is no use to pursue this matter any further"* This was no doubt devastating and disheartening news to **Jairus!** **THIS NO DOUBT WOULD FURTHER TEST THE FAITH OF JAIRUS!** **Jesus**, knowing the heart and mind of **Jairus** (**Proverbs 15:11**), and knowing exactly what **Jairus** needed to do used this disruption to further encourage the faith of **Jairus** (**Mark 5:36; Luke 8:50**). **Jesus** is saying to **Jairus** *"Don't let this news frighten you, do not let this news alarm and intimidate you, do not allow this news to cause you anxiety and distress, do not allow this news to*

cause you to be reluctant and hesitant” “**BELIEVE**” That is, “Keep on believing Me” He is saying, “in spite of the discouraging news, keep on being persuaded that I am able, keep on having confidence, keep on having assurance that I am able” The solution to heart agitation, confusion, fear, worry, and distress is “**BELIEVE**” **Despair** offers its solution “Curse God and die” **Jesus** offers the solution of **faith!** **Stoicism** offers its solution “Harden your heart against all feeling” **Jesus** offers the solution of **faith!** **Epicureanism** offers its solution “Forget all your trouble and treat yourself to some pleasure” **Jesus** offers the solution of **faith!** What **Jesus** told **Jairus**, is what He would later tell the troubled **apostles** on the night of the **Passover (John 14:1, 27)**. When **Jesus** spoke these words to **Jairus**, I believe that there was a peace, a calmness, and contentment that came over the heart of **Jairus!**

There seems to be **interruptions** and **delays**, but there was no disruption in what **Jesus** was going to do, **HE MADE IT TO THE HOUSE OF JAIRUS JUST WHEN HE INTENDED TO!** **God’s** people need to view the so-called **interruptions** and **disruptions**, as opportunities to strengthen faith!

II. THE MIRACLE PERFORMED BY CHRIST

When they arrived at the house, **Peter, James, John**, and the **mother** and **Jairus** were allowed to enter the house with **Jesus (Mark 5:40; Luke 8:51)**. These three were privileged to see and experience things that the others were not (**Matthew 17:1-2**).

① **The Scene In The House:**

It was a scene of **helplessness**, and great **sorrow**. **Matthew** simply records that “*the minstrels (singers), and the people making a noise*” (**Matthew 9:23**). **Mark** writes that when they came into the house that there was “*tumult (uproar, commotion, bedlam), and them that wept and wailed (howled) greatly*” (**Mark 5:38**). **Luke** writes “*And all wept and bewailed (lamented) her*” (**Luke 8:52**). **JESUS ENTERING INTO THE HOUSE WOULD CHANGE EVERYTHING!** One greater than **sickness, death, and sorrow** had arrived! All through the **Gospels** we find **Jesus** going to places of distress, loneliness, sorrow, anguish, and death, providing the comfort and assurance that only He can give, and bringing about the change that only He can bring about!

② **Christ Performs A Miraculous Work:**

There was the touch of **Christ (Matthew 9:25; Mark 5:41; Luke 8:54)**. There was the spoken word of **Christ (Mark 5:41; Luke 8:54)**. There was life imparted; “*And her spirit came again*” (**Luke 8:55**). **THE TOUCH AND WORD OF CHRIST WAS EFFECTUAL!** There was the manifestation of life imparted “*and the maid arose*” (**Matthew 9:25**), “*And straightway the damsel arose and walked*” (**Mark 5:42**), “*she arose straightway*” (**Luke 8:55**). The result of this was amazement (Mark 5:42; Luke 8:56).

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all show **Jesus** and **Jairus** walking together (**Matthew 9:19; Mark 5:24; Luke 8:42**), and as a result, **THE FAITH AND RESOLVE OF JAIRUS WAS STRENGTHENED BY WALKING WITH CHRIST!** Walking with **Christ, Jairus** brought Him into his home, and **THAT HOME WAS BLESSED WITH THE PRESENCE AND MIRACULOUS POWER OF CHRIST! CHRIST MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THAT HOME!**
