



A Disappointed Ruler

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Mark 5:21-42

21 When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. 22 Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet 23 and 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." 24 So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. 25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. 26 She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. 27 When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 because she thought, "If I just touch His clothes, I will be healed." 29 Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. 30 At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from Him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched My clothes?" 31 "You see the people crowding against You," His disciples answered, "and yet You can ask, 'Who touched Me?'" 32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. 33 Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at His feet and, trembling with fear, told Him the whole truth. 34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." 35 While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the Teacher any more?" 36 Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe." 37 He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. 38 When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. 39 He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." 40 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. 41 He took her by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum!*" (which means, "*Little girl, I say to you, get up!*"). 42 Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished.

The Historical setting

1. The place: Likely in Capernaum where the nearest _____ was located.
2. The person: a "synagogue official" determined _____ did what in a synagogue.
3. The funeral: Jewish funerals in the New Testament were very _____ than funerals today.
 - a. People expressed their grief _____ and by tearing their clothes.
 - b. Professional wailers were _____ to increase display of sorrow.
 - c. There was the playing of _____.

The Biblical application

1. God used a _____ to cause Jairus to turn to Jesus.
2. _____ is a tool the Lord used to stretch Jairus' faith.
3. Jairus had new _____ of trust to discover...through circumstances involving his child.

Jairus had to recognize that Jesus is Lord
over not just disease and death,
He is also Lord over _____.