

## Jairus' Daughter Was Dead



(Mt.9:18-26, Mk. 5:22-43 & Lk.8:41-56 CEV)

### **Jairus' 12 year old girl raised from death.**

**Another favourite story with an unexpected bit at the very end.**

Jairus was a good man and had a 12 year old daughter whom he loved very much. He volunteered to generally help at the Temple (Matthew named him as a Rabbi) and Jairus was well respected and believed that Jesus had healing power. One day, with a crowd around, he knelt at the feet of Jesus and pleaded for Jesus to come and heal his 12 year old girl. (Matthew records the girl was dead - but Mark writes that she was very sick) **Jesus agreed to go with Jairus and help his little girl.**

While they were going strange incident occurred. A woman who had suffered from continuous ill health for years (that the doctors were unable to help with) came up behind Jesus, elbowed her way through the crowd to get near him, and when she got close she simply touched the hem of His garment. ***She felt herself instantly healed!***

Jesus stopped, turned around and said: "Who touched me?" His disciples said, "Master the crowd is pressing around you and you want to know who touched you?"



Somebody did in a different way because Jesus said: "I felt healing power go from me." As Jesus looked around, the woman who has pushed in to just touch him came shaking with fear to Jesus and told Him her story of long years of suffering and that she believed if she could just touch His garment she would be healed and she added that she felt healed.

"Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, healed of your disease." Love and compassion - "Yes sir, that's Jesus."

Now they continued on to the home of Jairus - but before they got there messengers came to tell Jairus that his daughter was dead and not to bother Jesus anymore. Jesus said to Jairus: "Don't worry. Just have faith."

When they got to the house, there was much wailing and weeping because of the girl dying. Jesus sent everyone away except two disciples and the Mum and Dad and went to where the girl was lying in her bed. Taking her hand Jesus said in Aramic: "Talitha,koum" which means "Little girl get up." And she did get up and walked around. Her amazed parents were so happy! Then Jesus said (you could never guess) "*Give her something to eat.*" What a man! What a saviour! Jesus was not a dad but He knew the needs of people, and kids who have been sick for a few days and that anyone who had no food would have a "growling tummy" and be suddenly very hungry. Love and compassion – "Yes Sir, Jesus had it."

And now the little bit extra:

I need to say (write) that in many of the stories I write - and many that Jesus spoke about, the Pharisees, Sadducees, Temple priests, Scribes and so on, that they were a sort of "Upper class" an "Exclusive club" ... the rulers of the Law and teachers of the Law (The Laws of Moses). Jesus several times called them "hypocrites" - they say one thing, but do the opposite. Well, the Bible tells of two of them who were not!

You have read about Jairus in this story.

Jairus loved his little girl very much - and he had no doubt that Jesus had the power from God to heal his sick girl. Also, Jairus was not afraid of his "mates" at the temple to go to Jesus and ask for help. Also - in those days, girls were not considered as valuable as boys ... but Jairus truly loved and valued his daughter.

Nicodemus was another now famous for his late night secret meeting with Jesus to get his questions **answered!**

Nicodemus, held a high position at the Temple - but he went to have a talk to Jesus *at night!* I guess that Nicodemus did not want his Temple "mates" to know that he had visited Jesus at all. This happened in the early days of the ministry of Jesus. Nicodemus came at night and began: "We know you are a teacher sent from God, otherwise you could not do the miracles you do." (John Chapter 3)



Scribes were really educated and valuable people in the Temple and the community. Kings, Emperors and rich people employed them to keep written records. One teacher told me in Bible College that Scribes who wrote the copies of the Torah (The books of the laws of Moses) was not permitted to copy a new Torah unless he was at least 35 years old ... and he had five copies of the Torah around him **to check every word was correct** - before he wrote a new copy! **Wow, accuracy!**