

# EXPLORE THE BIBLE

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## *Restores*

### **Scripture Passage: Mark 5:21-24,35-43**

**The Point: Jesus' miracles remind us that He has power over all things, even death.**

#### **I. INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND**

- A. In this session, we will be reminded of what the people of Jesus' day witnessed firsthand, that Jesus' miracles show us that He has power over all things, including death.
- B. As believers, we can trust Him to be present with us in the storms of life.
- C. Further, we can be confident that, in Christ, not even physical death can separate us from eternal life in God's kingdom.

#### **II. WILLING (Mark 5:21-24)**

- A. A crowd met Jesus and His disciples as they returned from the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee (v.21).
  - 1. "the other side" = the western or northern shores of the Sea of Galilee, perhaps at Capernaum, Jesus' home base.
  - 2. Jesus and the disciples had left a large crowd when they went across the sea earlier and possibly the same crowd was gathering again after hearing of Jesus' return.
  - 3. The crowd met Him on the shore and pressed in close to Him.
- B. Jairus, an administrative leader at the local synagogue approached Jesus (v.22).
  - 1. He was not concerned with the legalistic traditions of the Pharisees.
  - 2. He came intentionally to beg for Jesus' help.
  - 3. He was desperate and humble.
- C. His request was very intense (v.23).
  - 1. He may have witnessed or heard of Jesus healing others.
  - 2. He publicly stated his confidence in Jesus' healing power.
- D. Jesus did not hesitate but helped Jairus to his feet. They walked to his house and the crowd followed (v.24).

#### **III. UNDETERRED (Mark 5:35-40)**

- A. Between their departure from the seaside and arriving at Jairus' home, Jesus and those following Him were interrupted by a woman who had suffered from an illness for twelve years (vv.25-34).
- B. As Jesus was still speaking with the woman who had been healed, messengers came from the synagogue leader's house to inform Jairus of his daughter's death (v.35).
  - 1. They must have known that Jairus's intention upon leaving the house.
  - 2. "The teacher can't help her now".

C. Jesus was undeterred by the message (v.36).

1. “the synagogue leader” = a religious leader who was responding with fear rather than with faith.
2. Fear and faith are opposites. Jairus needed to turn from his fear and embrace faith in Jesus.

D. Jesus did not want anything else to hinder what He was about to do (v.37).

E. Public demonstrations of mourning are typical for Middle Eastern cultures, past and present (v.38).

1. The absence of Jairus’ reaction is an indication that he had done what Jesus asked.

F. “commotion” = a state of heightened agitation expressed with clamorous noise (v.39).

1. “asleep” = show His intention that the child would be brought back to life.

G. The mourners scornfully mocked Jesus. He dismissed the mourners and then He took the child’s parents and the three disciples into the room where the child was. (v.40).

1. Jesus led the way, He didn’t wait for the parents invitation.
2. Jairus is no longer called the religious leader but now is a loving father placing his family in Jesus’ hands.
3. The mother had not benefited from all that Jairus had experienced but now she too is called on to trust Jesus completely.

#### IV. **ABLE (Mark 5:41-43)**

A. Jesus simply took the girl by the hand and spoke (v.41).

B. The parents and the three disciples were astounded by this miraculous event (v.42).

C. Jesus wanted to reveal His mission in His timing (v.43).

1. The two parents needed to return to their roles of caring for their daughter.

#### V. **CONCLUSION & APPLICATION**

A. We can approach Jesus with confidence, knowing that He will help those who seek Him.

B. Jesus is not deterred nor bound by any unbelief He may encounter.

C. Jesus is able to restore life to His creation.

D. Teaching Ideas

1. Create Interest

- a. What would you do or what have you done for a child that was seriously sick?

2. Closing Challenge

- a. Discuss ways that your group can for someone that is currently experiencing a difficulty because of sickness.

E. Don’t Forget!!!

1. Restores & Mark 5:21-24,35-43

2. Jesus’ miracles remind us that He has power over all things, even death.

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