

Bible Stories for Adults

Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter

Mark 5:21-42

Opening

- Gathering: What limits do people impose on God by not believing that He can take care of their needs?
- Today's Focus: Jesus demonstrated that He has power over illness and death by healing the incurable and raising the dead.
- Key Verses: *Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.*
Mark 5:34
- Don't be afraid; just believe.* Mark 5:36

Opening Prayer

Lesson

Jesus Comes to Capernaum (*Mark 1*)

- What town served as the base of Jesus' ministry and how did this show that Jesus was the Messiah?
Matthew 4:13-16
- What did the people of Capernaum think about Jesus when He began teaching there?
Mark 1:21-22
- What event happened as Jesus began teaching that help spread word of Him?
Mark 1:23-28
- What else happened as a result of this exorcism?
Mark 1:32-34
- With such a good reception, why didn't Jesus just stay put in Capernaum?
Mark 1:36-39

Jesus Returns to Capernaum (*Mark 2*)

- Did the people of Capernaum remember Jesus when He returned?
Mark 2:1-5
- Was everything Jesus said accepted by everyone in Capernaum?
Mark 2:6-7

Jesus was Unpopular in Capernaum (*Mark 2-3*)

- Did Jesus do anything else that bothered the Jewish leaders in Capernaum?
Mark 2:13-17
Mark 2:18-20
Mark 2:23-24, 27-28
Mark 3:1-5
- How seriously did Jesus' actions bother the Jewish leaders?
Mark 3:6

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Jesus was Popular in Capernaum (*Mark 3-4*)

Were the Jewish leaders able to turn the people away from Jesus?

Mark 3:7-10

How was the crowd problem worsened when Jesus cast out evil spirits?

Mark 3:11-12; 1:45

How was Jesus able to make sure that some in the crowd caught His message and calling?

Mark 3:13-15

Once He had a small group, did Jesus treat the rest of the people as less important?

Mark 3:20-21, 31-35

Back to Work in Capernaum (*Mark 5:21-24*)

How did Jesus relax after teaching the crowd all day from a boat?

Mark 4:1, 33, 35, 39-40; 5:2, 18-19 (4:1-5:20)

Had the novelty of Jesus worn off by the time He returned to Capernaum?

Luke 8:40

Were any of the Jewish leaders there to try to trick Jesus or collect evidence?

Mark 5:21-22

Synagogue ruler - Supervised worship, ran weekly school, maintained building

Why would Jairus risk his reputation and job by falling at Jesus' feet?

Mark 5:22b-23

Why would Jairus think Jesus could help his dying daughter?

John 4:46-47, 50-53

Did Jesus use this opportunity to take a pot-shot at the misguided Jewish leadership?

Mark 5:24

An Unplanned Miracle on the Way (*Mark 5:25-28*)

Who was among the crowd that followed Jesus to Jairus' house?

Mark 5:25

How serious was her problem?

Mark 5:26

Did she follow Jesus to wait her turn to be healed after Jairus' daughter?

Mark 5:27-28

The Healing (*Mark 5:29-30*)

Why didn't she just go up to Jesus and ask to be healed?

Leviticus 15:25-27, 31

Could she really be healed just by secretly touching Jesus' cloak?

Mark 5:29

What example did the woman have of power from touching a faithful servant of God?

2 Kings 13:20-21

Could the healing stay a secret?

Mark 5:30

Did Jesus really get His power involved when He healed people?

Matthew 8:17

Wouldn't it wear Jesus out if He constantly gave His power and took others' diseases?

Mark 1:35

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The Cloak (*Luke 9:44*)

What part of Jesus' cloak did she touch?

Luke 8:44

What was significant about that part of Jesus' cloak?

Numbers 15:38-40

How does the woman looking to the end of Jesus' robe in faith point to our salvation?

Romans 10:4

The Woman Confesses Her Faith (*Mark 5:31-34*)

Did Jesus really feel His power going out or did He just feel someone touch Him?

Mark 5:31

Could He have just felt someone bump into Him?

Mark 5:32

Did the woman raise her hand, say it was her and thank Jesus for the healing?

Mark 5:33

Did Jesus reprimand her for stealing His healing?

Mark 5:34

Faith Confession

Why was it important for Jesus to get the woman to verbally confess?

Romans 10:9-10

Was there a risk that Jesus might put her to shame?

Romans 10:11

What deeper meaning did Jesus have by saying, *go in peace & be freed from your suffering*?

Colossians 1:19-20

Jairus' Problem Gets Worse (*Mark 5:35-36*)

How was the crowd reminded of where Jesus was heading before the woman touched Him?

Mark 5:35

Had Jesus wasted too much time dealing with the woman?

Mark 5:36

If his daughter was already dead, why should Jairus continue to believe she could get better?

Mark 10:27

How did Jesus respond when Martha questioned Jesus for waiting too long to help Lazarus?

John 11:5-6, 21, 38-40

Only the Faithful Can Enter (*Mark 5:37-40*)

Did Jesus bring the whole crowd or just His small group to see His power at Jairus' house?

Mark 5:37

Were the people at Jairus' house waiting for Jesus to come and save the day?

Mark 5:38

How did they respond when Jesus called them to faith?

Mark 5:39-40

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Few Are Chosen (*Matthew 22:1-14*)

Why did Jesus *put them all out* and allow only the girl's parents and His 3 disciples to stay?

John 3:36

What will happen to people who reject the *wedding clothes* of faith that God gives us?

Matthew 22:2, 11-14 (1-14)

Rise and Shine (*Mark 5:41-42*)

What elaborate ritual did Jesus have to perform to bring the dead girl back to life?

Mark 5:41

How are we given the same call to wake up from our dead sinful lives?

Romans 13:11-12

How effective was Jesus' touch and word?

Mark 5:42

What happens when we hear His word, accept it and obey it?

Mark 4:20

Keep it Quiet (*Mark 5:43*)

After the girl rose, did Jesus call in the reporters from the Capernaum Chronicle?

Mark 5:43

Didn't Jesus want people to know about His great ability to perform miracles?

Mark 8:11-12

Then why did Jesus heal so many people?

Mark 5:34, 36

Matthew 11:2-5 (Isaiah 35:5-6; 61:1)

Besides its inclusion in the gospels, when do we see that this healing impacted its witnesses?

Acts 9:36-42

Closing Prayer

Response - Consider and meditate on one each day this week

1. When have I been hesitant to reveal my faith in Jesus around others?
(*Mark 5:22, 33; 8:34-38; Matthew 10:32-33; 23:5; Luke 6:22-23; John 12:42-43; Romans 1:16; 2 Timothy 1:7-12; 2:15*)
2. What situations have led me to lay everything at the feet of Jesus?
(*Mark 5:22-23, 25-27; Psalm 68:19; Matthew 7:7-11; 11:28-30; Luke 7:36-50; Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6-7*)
3. When has my faith been strong enough to be certain of Jesus' healing love?
(*Mark 5:23, 27-29; Matthew 8:8-13; 9:29; 17:20; Luke 18:41-43; John 14:12-14; 2 Corinthians 1:20; Hebrews 11:1*)
4. When has my faith helped me through fearful times?
(*Mark 5:36; Psalm 22:4-5; 27; Psalm 34:4, 17; 56:13; 118:6; Isaiah 12:2; 44:8; Matthew 7:9-11; 8:36; 10:28-31; John 14:27*)
5. When have I been astonished by Jesus' love and power?
(*Mark 5:42; Matthew 8:27; 12:22-23; 13:54; 15:31; 22:33; Luke 2:46-50; 5:26; 9:43; John 1:50-51; Acts 3:1-16*)