

# 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*) = Point out on map

What town served as the base of Jesus' ministry and how did this show that Jesus was the Messiah?

Matthew 4:13-16 = Capernaum (Kepharnahum – village of Nahum); it fulfilled Isaiah 9:1-2

What did the people of Capernaum think about Jesus when He began teaching there?

Mark 1:21-22 = They were amazed; *He taught them as one who had authority*

What event happened as Jesus began teaching that help spread word of Him?

Mark 1:23-28 = Cast out a demon who recognized Him; people saw His power

What else happened as a result of this exorcism? = Healed Peter's mother-in-law; v29-31

Mark 1:32-34 = Whole town came to see Him; People brought sick & possessed

With such a good reception, why didn't Jesus just stay put in Capernaum?

Mark 1:36-39 = He came to bring His message to people all over

Jesus Returns to Capernaum (*Mark 2*)

Did the people of Capernaum remember Jesus when He returned? = *He had come home*

Mark 2:1-5 = So many came there was no room; paralytic lowered through roof

Was everything Jesus said accepted by everyone in Capernaum?

Mark 2:6-7 = Scribes had trouble with Jesus forgiving sins

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

Did Jesus do anything else that bothered the Jewish leaders in Capernaum?

Mark 2:13-17 = Jesus called tax collector Levi (Matthew) & ate with him & his sin-filled friends

Mark 2:18-20 = Jesus' disciples didn't fast twice weekly per the Pharisees' custom

Mark 2:23-24, 27-28 = Jesus & disciples picked & ate grain on Sabbath (work to Pharisees)

Mark 3:1-5 = Jesus healed a man with a shriveled hand in synagogue on Sabbath

How seriously did Jesus' actions bother the Jewish leaders?

Mark 3:6 = Plotted ways to kill Jesus (Herodians – supported Romans, enemies of Pharisees)

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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 = People came from all over, had to teach from a boat

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

Mark 3:11-12; 1:45 = Demons recognized Him, word spread, more people came

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

Mark 3:13-15 = Formed a small group with 12 He called apostles (*One sent forth, messenger*)

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

Mark 3:20-21, 31-35 = Claimed all disciples as His family, more important than food

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

How did Jesus relax after teaching the crowd all day from a boat? = Quieted storm in faith lesson

Mark 4:1, 33, 35, 39-40; 5:2, 18-19 (4:1-5:20) = Crossed lake and reached out to non-Jews

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

Luke 8:40 = No, a crowd was waiting for Him, expecting Him

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

Mark 5:21-22 = Jairus, the synagogue ruler was there for another reason

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 = He had faith that Jesus could heal his dying daughter

Why would Jairus think Jesus could help his dying daughter?

John 4:46-47, 50-53 = Jesus had remotely healed the son of a royal official from Capernaum

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

Mark 5:24 = No, he saw Jairus' faith and went with him

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

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

Mark 5:25 = A woman who had been hemorrhaging for 12 years

How serious was her problem?

Mark 5:26 = Suffered alot, saw many doctors, spent all her money, got worse

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

Mark 5:27-28 = Didn't wait, she touched Jesus' cloak, believing she'd be healed

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 = She was considered unclean, should stay separated

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

Mark 5:29 = Yes, she was healed immediately

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

2 Kings 13:20-21 = Man came back to life after his dead body touched Elisha's bones

Could the healing stay a secret?

Mark 5:30 = No, Jesus felt His healing power going out from Him

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

Matthew 8:17 = Yes, and he took our diseases upon Himself

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

Mark 1:35 = He frequently went off by Himself and prayed to be refreshed

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### The Cloak (Luke 9:44)

What part of Jesus' cloak did she touch?

Luke 8:44 = The edge, the corner

What was significant about that part of Jesus' cloak? = Like a string around your finger

Numbers 15:38-40 = Tassels worn on the corners to remind of God's commands

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

Romans 10:4 = Faith in Christ replaces the law (tassels) as our source of righteousness

### 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 = It had to be His power, the crowd was bumping Him constantly

Could He have just felt someone bump into Him?

Mark 5:32 = No, He stopped and kept looking for who had touched Him

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

Mark 5:33 = No, she apologized, confessed what she'd done & why (Luke 8:47)

Did Jesus reprimand her for stealing His healing? = Daughter – two daughters healed today

Mark 5:34 = No, He commended her for her faith

### Faith Confession

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

Romans 10:9-10 = To receive the deeper healing of salvation

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

Romans 10:11 = She might have thought so, but there wasn't

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

Colossians 1:19-20 = Jesus gave us peace by taking the suffering for our sins

### 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 = Men brought word to Jairus that his daughter had died

Had Jesus wasted too much time dealing with the woman? = The worst he feared had happened

Mark 5:36 = Jesus told Jairus to keep his faith despite *human wisdom* to give up

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

Mark 10:27 = *All things are possible with God*

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

John 11:5-6, 21, 38-40 = Faith will let us *see the glory of God*

### 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 = Neither, He brought only His inner circle (Peter, James & John)

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

Mark 5:38 = No, they had given up all hope and were grieving

How did they respond when Jesus called them to faith? = Professional mourners

Mark 5:39-40 = Laughed at Him – Quickly changed moods, no real concern for girl or family

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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 = *Whoever rejects the Son will not see life*

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

Matthew 22:2, 11-14 (1-14) = They will be thrown out into the darkness of hell

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 = None, He just told the girl to get up

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

Romans 13:11-12 = *The hour has come...night is nearly over; day is almost here*

How effective was Jesus' touch and word? = 12 years – Same as time woman had been bleeding

Mark 5:42 = *Immediately the girl stood up and walked around*

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

Mark 4:20 = We live fruitfully

Keep it Quiet (*Mark 5:43*)

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

Mark 5:43 = No, He told the witnesses to keep quiet about it

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

Mark 8:11-12 = No, He was not a magician looking for an audience

Then why did Jesus heal so many people?

Mark 5:34, 36 = His healings revealed and built their faith

Matthew 11:2-5 (Isaiah 35:5-6; 61:1) = Fulfilled Messianic prophesy

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

Acts 9:36-42 = Peter followed Jesus' lead to raise a woman who died (*Tabitha cumi*)

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*)