

THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

JULY 5TH–6TH, 2025 // GOSPEL OF MARK

JAIURUS (MARK 5:21–24) CROWDS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE SHORE

After Jesus healed a demonized man, the townspeople begged Jesus to leave. Jesus and His disciples crossed back over the Sea of Galilee, probably returning to Capernaum.

- Crowds were gathered on both shores. One group urged Jesus to leave, while the other welcomed Him.

A MAN OF SIGNIFICANT STATUS

Jesus was surrounded by a crowd that wanted to gain something from close proximity to Him. Jairus, a synagogue leader, approaches Jesus, **bows at His feet, and begs** for help.

- In a time of hopeless crisis, this man with status runs to the source of hope. In **difficult times, where do we run?**

“MY LITTLE DAUGHTER IS DYING...”

It was not just that she was very sick and in intensive care; she was at the end of hospice care. He was saying that if Jesus did not act immediately, his “little daughter” would die.

- But he still had faith that Jesus could help. **Faith IN God is what matters. Jesus asks us to give Him the faith that we have.**

DARKNESS (MARK 5:25–34) A WOMAN WITH VERY LITTLE STATUS

As Jesus is on His way to heal Jairus's daughter, He has an interaction with a woman. Her condition made her ceremonially and socially unclean, which was a significant burden to live under for 12 years.

- She heard about Jesus and was **willing to risk it all to get to Him.**

THE ULTIMATE PHYSICIAN

For 12 years she went from doctor to doctor, and none of them could help her. Not only was she physically suffering but now she was in financial distress as well.

- We must run to Jesus, the Ultimate Physician. **How He chooses to heal is up to Him.**

JESUS PURGES IMPURITY

Spiritually and physically desperate, she does the unthinkable and unacceptable—she reaches out and touches Jesus.

- The holiness of Jesus is unaffected by human impurity. We often try to clean ourselves up before we approach Jesus. **We are incapable of fixing ourselves.**

“SHE CAME UP BEHIND HIM...”

Her approach also says something about her sense of shame. She wants to touch the edge of His garment from behind, then make a quick getaway and return to the shadows.

- Shame often tells us we are not worthy to be seen and known. **The enemy wants us to remain in darkness.**

“WHO TOUCHED MY CLOTHES?”

Once she touches Jesus, she is instantly healed—well and whole for the first time in 12 years! Jesus asks a question that confuses His disciples.

- The disciples did not understand the **difference between casual contact vs. reaching out to touch Him in faith.**

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

“The woman, with fear and trembling...came and fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.

‘**Daughter...your faith has saved you. Go in peace...**’” (vs. 33–34).

- **When we fully surrender and step into the light, we can take on a new identity as “daughter” or “son” of the King.**

BELIEVE (MARK 5:35–43) “YOUR DAUGHTER IS DEAD...”

People tell Jairus about his daughter and ask, “Why bother the teacher anymore?” (v. 35). These people think He is just a teacher.

- Who we surround ourselves with matters. **Do we surround ourselves with people who point us to Jesus or away from Jesus?**

“DON'T BE AFRAID. ONLY BELIEVE.”

Jesus cares not only about the life of this little girl but also the faith of her father. For Jairus to listen and respond, he had to take his eyes off the people and focus on Jesus.

- But how can faith endure in the face of death? Faith is something that trusts in the midst of hopelessness.

“THE CHILD IS NOT DEAD BUT ASLEEP.”

When Jesus arrives upon the scene, the professional mourners (a Jewish custom) are already there. They laugh when Jesus says that the child is asleep.

- This is the laughter of unbelief. Jesus kicks everyone out of the house so that they will not discourage the faith of Jairus.

“TALITHA KOUIM”

Jesus takes the child by the hand and says to her, “Little girl, I say to you, get up.” We notice Jesus' tenderness, His lack of concern about the purity laws, and His power.

- Jesus cares for every little detail of the girl's life. He tells her parents that in their amazement they should not forget to feed her.

GOD'S TIMING AND PURPOSE

Jairus could have given up and become bitter due to Jesus' “delay.” Jesus did not fail Jairus or the woman. But in ministering to both, Jairus's faith was tested and stretched.

- **Do we trust God's timing and God's purpose? Are we prepared for our faith to be tested and stretched?**

FAITH

- It is not about how much faith we have. It is about having faith in the right source.
- It is about a willingness to surrender—give Jesus the faith that we have. “Don't know what to pray? Pray what you got.”
- **God meets us where we are.**
- God is faithful even when we are not.
- Ephesians 3:20 (CSB)

NEW IDENTITY

- Ever since the first sin, we have tried to hide from God in our shame, but God will graciously call us out and not let us hide.
- **God draws us out, not to shame us but to clothe us and call us as His own.** We are invited to be called “son” or “daughter” of the only One who can fully love us.

ENDURANCE

- Similar to Jairus, we need to continue to believe. There will be moments where we get off track. **We must get our eyes back on the object of our faith** and get on track.
- Similar to the woman, we need to step into the light so that the darkness has no hold on us. Keep running to Jesus daily.

ARE WE PREPARED FOR THE STORMS?

- If the source of our faith is Jesus, then we'll continue to be conformed to His image.
- If the source of our faith is Jesus, then **“we know that ALL things work together for the good of those who love God”** (Romans 8:28).
- If the source of our faith is anything but Jesus, we will crumble in the storms.
- John 16:33 (CSB)
- John 6:68 (CSB)