



Jairus' Daughter Raised From Death

“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him” (Acts 10:38).

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“Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole” (Luke 8:50).

Indeed Jesus went about doing good, one of which was the raising of Jairus's daughter from death to live.

“While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. 19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples. 20 And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment.... And the woman was made whole from that hour. 23 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise, 24 He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. 25 But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. 26 And the fame hereof went abroad into all that land” (Matthew 9:18-26).

“And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, 23 And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. 24 And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him. 25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years 26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, 27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.... 35 While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? 36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. 37 And he suffered no man to fol-

low him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. 38 And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. 39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. 40 And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. 41 And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. 42 And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. 43 And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat” (Mark 5:22-43).

“And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house: 42 For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him. 43 And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, 44 Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanchd.... 49 While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master. 50 But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole. 51 And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James,

and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. 52 And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. 53 And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. 54 And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. 55 And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat. 56 And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done" (Luke 8:41-56).

The miracle of the raising of Jairus' daughter from death to life has a lot to teach us:

- 1) Jairus' only daughter of age twelve was "at the point of death" (Mark 5:23, Luke 8:42). Sometimes the devil attacks the only thing you have that makes life worth living. His father came to Jesus "and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house" (Luke 8:41). He hath faith that if Jesus laid hand upon her, "she shall live" (Matthew 9:18). His faith was not passive, but demonstrated in the actions he took.
- 2) Jesus, His disciples and much people followed him (Matthew 9:19; Mark 5:24). Followers of Jesus have the exclusive privilege of seeing Jesus in action, which in turn boost their faith.
- 3) Jesus' trip was interrupted by the healing of a woman that had an issue of blood for twelve years. Comparatively, anyone could think that the dying of Jairus' daughter was more important than an issue of blood. Jesus' attention to this woman reveals that every problem is of importance and value to God. Divine resources are not prioritised in heaven as they are inexhaustible.
- 4) Just as He finished ministering to the healed woman, messengers arrived with a message "Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?" (Mark 5:35; Luke 8:49). These could have been an opportunity for Jairus to complain that the delay of Jesus on a relatively minor case has resulted in the death of her daughter, but he did not. God's delay is not denial. The apparent divine delay will bring a greater glory of God to the situation!

- 5) On hearing the message, Jesus told Jairus **"Be not afraid, only believe"** (Mark 5:36). Faith, without fear will always bring miracles no matter how dire the situation may be.
- 6) On arrival, and seeing the people weeping, Jesus said "Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth". The mourners "laughed him to scorn" (Matthew 9:23,24; Mark 5:39-40; Luke 8:52-53).
- 7) What Jesus did next was very instructive. He removed all the mockers and doubters from the room, allowing only the parents as well as Peter, James and John to witness the miracles. Association with doubters will dampen your faith and hinder miracles (Matthew 9:25; Mark 5:37, 40; Luke 8:54). Not even all of the disciples but 3 were allowed into the space for the miracle. Miracles do not require a crowd to bring it about but people of like precious faith!
- 8) Jesus took the dead girl by hand and said "Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise" (Mark 5:41; Luke 8:54; Matthew 9:25).
- 9) "And her spirit came again" (Luke 8:55). "And straightway the damsel arose, and walked" (Mark 5:42; Matthew 9:25); and Jesus "commanded to give her meat" (Luke 8:55; Mark 5:43).
- 10) All were astonished but Jesus charged them to tell no man what was done (Luke 8:56; Mark 5:42)
- 11) The fame of Jesus as a result of this miracle "went abroad into all that land".

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever more. As he raised Jairus' daughter from the death, He will even today resurrect anything that has died in your life - hope, faith, finance, peace, health, freedom, career, family, Ministry or whatever it may be - great or small. Simply come to him and ask just like Jairus did and He will certainly answer you today.

Only believe and you will see God's glory in your situation today! Your miracle is achievable today, if you only believe.