

Jesus Blessing Jairus's Daughter

Matthew 9:18–19, 23–25; Mark 5:22–24, 35–43; Luke 8:41–42, 49–56

He went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose. Matthew 9:25

While Jesus was teaching the people, a ruler named Jairus came and knelt before Him. Jairus asked Jesus to come to his home because his only daughter, who was about 12 years old, was dying. Jairus had faith that his daughter could be healed if Jesus would lay His hands upon her. (See Matthew 9:18–19; Mark 5:22–23; Luke 8:41–42.)

Jesus started to go home with Jairus, but other people crowded around Him. While Jesus was helping a sick woman, a man came and told Jairus that his daughter had died. (See Matthew 9:19; Mark 5:24, 35; Luke 8:49.) When Jesus heard this He said, “Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole” (Luke 8:50; see also Mark 5:36).

When Jesus arrived at Jairus's home, He told the mourners not to cry because the girl was

not dead. The mourners laughed at Jesus and made fun of Him because they knew she was dead. (See Matthew 9:23–24; Mark 5:38–40; Luke 8:52–53.)

Jesus sent the mourners away and went into the house with Peter, James, John, Jairus, and Jairus's wife (see Mark 5:40; Luke 8:51). Then He took the girl by the hand and said, “I say unto thee, arise” (Mark 5:41; see also Luke 8:54). The girl's spirit returned to her body, and she arose from her bed (see Matthew 9:25; Mark 5:42; Luke 8:55).

“And her parents were astonished” (Luke 8:56; see also Mark 5:42). Jesus told them to give her something to eat and asked them not to tell anyone what had happened (see Mark 5:42–43; Luke 8:55–56).

Summary

A ruler named Jairus asked Jesus to come to his house and heal his dying daughter. On the way they learned it was too late: the little girl had died. However, Jesus told Jairus not to fear but to believe in Him. When Jesus entered the house

He told the mourners not to cry. He told them the girl was not dead but asleep. They laughed because they knew she was dead. Jesus took the girl by the hand and told her to arise. She returned to life and rose from her bed.

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