

The Gospel of Mark

Lesson 11: Mark 5:21-43

Jairus pleads with Jesus to heal his daughter (vv. 21-24)

Matt. 9:18-19
Luke 8:40-42

- The reception for Jesus is markedly different from the other side
- A ruler of the synagogue was a layman responsible for building supervision and coordination of religious services
- Jairus could very well have had contact with Jesus before

What does Jairus' appeal teach us about reaching others for Jesus today?

A desperate woman seeks Jesus' healing (vv. 25-34)

Matt. 9:20-22
Luke 8:43-48

- The woman's bleeding makes her ceremonially unclean
- She is out of options, out of money, and likely near death
- It is a highly risky action to inject herself into the large crowd
- Her action belies a long-held superstition that a person's power can be transferred into what they are wearing
- Two aorist verbs ("dried up", "felt") and one perfect verb in verse 29 ("healed")
 - aorist = a point in time; perfect = lasting effect

Why does Jesus ask who touched Him?

What is the scope of Jesus' healing as recorded in verse 34?

What must Jairus be thinking as Jesus deals with the woman?

Jesus brings Jairus' daughter back to life (vv. 35-43)

Matt. 9:23-26
Luke 8:49-56

- Jesus ignores the report of the daughter's death
- Contact with the dead girl would make Jesus (and company) unclean
- Only His most trusted people and the parents witness the miracle
- Jesus' words are not some sort of incantation

Why would Jesus instruct them not to tell others about the miracle?