

How important is it to express that faith when in a crisis?

Q11. How many and who witnessed the raising of the girl from the dead Mark 5:37-41

The words Jesus spoke were clearly memorable as the actual Aramiac words 'Talitha cumi' were remembered (= "maiden arise") Where did Mark get the graphic details from? From whom?

Q12. Can you picture what it means to be "overcome with amazement"? Mark 5:42-43

This would have been electrifying. Why do you think Jesus wanted them to keep it a secret?

How would they have explained her resurrection to the professional mourners without telling them what happened?

Q13. How are you going actually expressing or putting into practice the faith that you profess.

Would Jesus be delighted if you expressed your faith more? How?

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A Series in the Gospel of Mark

10. Active Faith

Mark 5:21-43

Jesus had moved from Nazareth to live at Capernaum by the Sea of Galilee, from the commencement of his public Galilean ministry (Matthew 4:12-13). Capernaum was his base and He was known at Synagogue there (Mark 1:21-28; 3:1-6). In today's passage Jesus may well have been back in Capernaum.

Jairus was a synagogue ruler. A synagogue ruler was a person of considerable importance and prestige. He was the administrative head of the synagogue, president of the board of elders responsible for the good management of the synagogue and responsible for the conduct and good ordering of the services.

Jairus had a heart-wrenching need that trumped his prejudices, his dignity, his pride, his peers and friends. His 12 year old precious child was dying and He knew deep down where help could be found.

The nameless lady who had suffered with a flow of blood for 12 years had suffered greatly over that time with that problem and also with the countless crushed hopes through failed medical solutions. She also knew where help could just possibly be found.

This study examines the determined and strong expression of their faith in Jesus and the pleasure Jesus had in responding to that faith with healing and resurrection life.

Q1. Do you think the context was possibly back in Capernaum again? Mark 5:21

Q2.If Mark wrote his Gospel from what he learned mostly from the Apostle Peter and wrote about 30 years after the events, what can we possibly make from the fact that Mark knew the definite name of the specific synagogue ruler? Mark 5:22

Q3.What was Jairus's problem and how desperate was he about it? Mark 5:22-23

How much faith in Jesus did his actions express?

What did he want Jesus to do?

What was he hoping for?

Q4.How did Jesus immediately respond to such a genuine and remarkable display of faith? Mark 5:24a

Q5.We don't know the lady's name mentioned in Mark 5:24b-26. What was her problem? How had her problem given her life great misery?

Q6. Had she met Jesus before? Mark 5:27

Why do you think she came up behind him?

Why did she touch his garment instead of talking to Jesus face to face?

How does Mark 5:28 indicate her strong faith?

Q7. What was the response of Jesus? Mark 29-32

Is ministry often draining?

Did Jesus want to meet the lady?

Q8.Was the lady a private, humble, anxious lady? Mark 5:32-34

What did Jesus draw attention to?

Did He affirm her?

Q9.It was a big step for the synagogue ruler to humble himself and to seek help from Jesus. What indication is there that others around him didn't really want him to go to Jesus for help and may have discouraged him from doing so? Mark 5:35,39-40

Q10.What good advice did Jesus give to the synagogue ruler? Mark 5:36

How important is faith?