

Recap of 6/25/23 message by Pastor Joe (Mark 5:21-43):

- 1. Few passages of Scripture show the hopelessness and devastation which sin has wrought upon humanity and the desperateness of the human situation apart from Jesus Christ. But also shows the hope that Jesus Christ brings.*
- 2. The table is set for the raising from the dead of Jairus' twelve year old daughter and the healing of the woman with the debilitating twelve year battle with hemorrhaging which made her ritually unclean for worship and a virtual social outcast (Leviticus 15:25-27), by the previous demonstrations of Jesus power and authority over nature and over Satan in Mark 4:35-5:20. Jairus could do nothing more for his daughter. The woman with the "issue of blood" had spent all she had on doctors and cures, yet nothing helped her medical condition. With all human remedies gone they placed their faith in Jesus. Faith is defined this way: "Faith, confident trust, derives its value not from the one who expresses it, but from the object in which it rests (cf. 10:52; 11:22)" (John Grassmick). It was not that they had a necessary "quantity" of faith, but they had a sufficient object of faith...Jesus.*
- 3. Jesus' miracles were outward proofs of His deity and messiahship. They illustrated the helplessness of the human situation and the need for redemption. And expressed Jesus' love for and identification with humanity.*
- 4. Lessons from Mark 5:21-43:*
 - When you find yourself in a seemingly hopeless situation, trust the One Who is sovereign over life and death and everything in between. "With Jesus there is always hope. 'Too late' is not to be a part of the Christian's vocabulary, for God is able to redeem even our hopeless situations." (Richards)*
 - Trust that He has your best interest in mind. Take the step to acknowledge that you're trusting Him. Have a steadfast attitude of faith in Him.*
 - Don't listen to the naysayers.*
 - Realize that a delay in answer is an opportunity for faith to grow and see the greater thing that God is doing in your life.*
 - Don't doubt God's love. Don't bargain with God.*