

JESUS OUR ONLY HOPE (Mark 5:21-43)

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TEXT—Mark 5:21-43

MAIN IDEA—Jesus makes time to minister hope to the hopeless.

James 4:6

JAIRUS' CRY FOR HELP (Mark 5:21-24)—Mark doesn't reveal how long Jairus' daughter had been sick. Whether she was ill for a few weeks or months, her condition took a turn for the worse and Jairus knew of only one person who could meet his need.

Jas. 4:10; Heb. 11:6

*Sometimes, God allows circumstances to humble us in order to draw us to Him (**Heb. 4:15-16**).

A WOMAN'S TOUCH (Mark 5:25-34)—

Risking social embarrassment and public scorn, the woman who had been hemorrhaging for over twelve years pressed through the crowd of people to touch Jesus in the hope that He would give her what the doctors couldn't. Jesus not only healed her but met her deepest need.

V25-26—The woman had a chronic disease that caused her to persistently bleed for over twelve years (**V25**). She suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors (**V26**).

Lev. 15:25

Rom. 10:17; Rom. 1:16-17

*God uses the Good News about Christ to create saving faith in the heart of sinners.

Matt. 10:32-33

Rom. 10:9-11, 13

Mk. 5:34—'Has made you well,'...is the same word often translated 'to save' (Mt. 9:22) and is the normal NT word for saving from sin, which strongly suggests that the woman's faith also led to spiritual salvation (**The MacArthur Study Bible**).

THE LORD'S VISIT (Mark 5:35-43)—The LORD Jesus finally arrived at Jairus' house where the family and friends of the little girl were already mourning. To their dismay Jesus drove out the doubters and together with Jairus, his wife, and his disciples He ministered life and hope to the little girl and her family.

V37-40—The Lord doesn't allow the crowd or the other disciples to continue but only Jairus, his wife and Peter, James and John. Even after arriving at the house he sends the friends and professional mourners away. He refused to work this miracle in the presence of a crowd and had no intention of anyone else but these select few seeing this miracle over death.

Bible Commentator R. Alan Cole—*Christ had already been shown as Lord of nature; it was necessary that He here be shown as Lord of life. This was an important proof of Godhead, for it was supremely fitting that He, who created life first, before sin and death entered the world, should show Himself now Master of death and the grave. Moreover, this was an important piece of preliminary evidence for His own resurrection: He who could thus conquer death in others could conquer its bonds Himself.*