

What Man is This? Week 4: The King is in the Room

Objective: To encourage us to rely on Jesus even in the worst of circumstances and experience his peace.

Read together:

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. 22 Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. 23 He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." 24 So Jesus went with him... 35 While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"

36 Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe." 37 He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. 38 When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. 39 He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." 40 But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him and went in where the child was. 41 He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha kum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). 42 Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. 43 He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this and told them to give her something to eat.

Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

- In Mark 5, what emotions might Jairus have experienced when he heard that his daughter had died, and how do those emotions mirror our own reactions to loss or disappointment?
- Most people are uncomfortable talking about death, even Christians. Why do you think that is? How should a believers approach to death differ from a non-believers?
- The sermon pointed out that Jesus "ignored" the report of Jairus' daughter's death. What does this teach us about the authority of Jesus compared to the authority of death?
- How does the story of Jairus' daughter demonstrate that Jesus is not only Lord over creation, spirits, and sickness, but also Lord over death?
- Death often feels like the greatest thief of peace. In what ways have you seen Jesus bring peace even in the face of grief, loss, or "death" (whether literal or symbolic)?
- The mourners laughed when Jesus said the girl was only asleep. What does their reaction reveal about faith versus doubt, and how can we guard ourselves against a similar attitude?
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13 reminds us that believers grieve differently than those without hope. How does the promise of Jesus' authority over death reshape the way we approach loss, fear, and the future?

Final Thoughts: Death is a reality that will touch all of us at some point. But because of Jesus, death does not have to steal our peace.

This Week: Examine your heart to see if you have allowed the King to really take up residence there.

