

Sunday Sermon Guide

Central Baptist Church – Crockett, Texas

February 15, 2026 – Miracle Moments: A Funeral Interrupted

Main Passage: Matthew 9:23-26

Main Idea:

When Jesus steps into what looks final, He reveals it is only temporary.

Key Verse

Mark 5:36 – “Don’t be afraid. Only believe.”

I. Faith Tested in the Delay (*Mark 5:35–36*)

- Jarius came believing Jesus could heal his dying daughter.
- On the way, word arrives that she has died.
- The delay appeared to turn hope into disappointment.
- Jesus immediately addresses fear before it overtakes faith.
- Circumstances changed, but Jesus did not.
- The delay was not neglect — it was a test of trust.

II. Faith Confronted by Chaos (*Mark 5:38–40*)

- The house is filled with professional mourners and loud lamenting.
- Cultural expectations demanded visible, dramatic grief.
- The evidence of death appeared undeniable.
- Jesus declares the girl is “asleep,” reframing death as temporary.
- Those without faith respond with mockery and laughter.
- Jesus removes the voices of unbelief before He acts.

III. Faith Rewarded by Authority (*Mark 5:41–42*)

- Only Peter, James, John, and the girl’s parents remain.
- Jesus takes the child by the hand — personal, intentional, compassionate.
- No ritual. No spectacle. No panic.
- He speaks a simple command, and life immediately returns.
- Death responds to the authority of Christ.
- The scene of mourning becomes a scene of amazement.

IV. Resurrection Hope for Believers (*1 Thessalonians 4:13*)

- For the follower of Christ, death is not the end.
- Grief is real, but it is not hopeless.
- Every resurrection miracle points forward to ultimate restoration.
- What seems irreversible to us is temporary in Christ.
- Eternal hope shapes present faith.

V. Three Takeaways

- Do not allow fear to undo what faith has already confessed.
- Do not give every voice equal authority in your life.
- Trust Christ even when His timing does not match your expectations.

“Jesus doesn’t shout into the chaos. He removes the chaos and then speaks life.”

“Jesus has never shown up to a funeral He didn’t have authority over.”