

The Way of Jesus: The Malpractice of Jesus

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Scripture: Mark 5:21-43

Summary

A dying girl. A woman the doctors could not help. Jesus stops for the "wrong" patient — and both stories get finished, revealing that what looks like divine malpractice is often grace giving far more than we asked.

Overview

Missy walks Mark's sandwich story: Jairus, a synagogue leader of standing and wealth, falls at Jesus' feet for his dying daughter — and Jesus goes with him. In the pressing crowd a woman bleeding twelve years, out of options after doctors and every resource, touches His cloak and is healed. Jesus stops the procession to find her. To anxious disciples and a desperate father, that pause can feel like malpractice — like an ER doctor lingering with a chronic case while a child dies. Yet God will not be hurried; His timing is rarely ours, and a storm is not evidence He does not love us. Because of the delay both receive more than they asked: she is called Daughter and freed from superstition into encounter; Jairus, seeking a cure, receives resurrection as Jesus takes the girl's hand — "Little girl, get up" — a term of endearment. Jesus asks for trust and whole-life lordship, not a manageable savior-ticket; resurrection still comes through death and surrender.

Key points

- Jairus, a man of prominence, falls at Jesus' feet for his dying daughter — and Jesus goes
- On the way, a woman bleeding 12 years touches His cloak; power goes out and she is healed
- Jesus stops to find her — a pause that can look like divine "malpractice" while a child dies
- Because of the delay both get more than they asked: encounter, not superstition; resurrection, not a cure
- God's timing is not ours; storms are not evidence that He does not love us
- He asks for trust and lordship of the whole life — Lord and Savior, not just Savior
- Resurrection comes through death: surrender the dying thing and receive abundant life

Memorable lines

"Don't be afraid. Just believe."

"He was asking for a cure and instead he got resurrection."

"When you go to Jesus and ask for help, you will both give to him and receive from him far more than you bargained for."

"That pause may feel like malpractice on the outside."

"Your faith has healed you. ... You now need to be transformed."

"Lord and Savior. Not just savior."

"Life comes, resurrection comes through death."

Takeaway

Where God seems to pause or attend the "wrong" patient in your story this week, resist the malpractice charge. Trust His timing — He may be giving more than a cure — and say a bigger yes: give Him your trust, your heart, and the lordship of your whole life.

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