

The Gospel in Action (11)

Jesus > Death & Disease

Mark 5:21-43

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Intro: Death and Taxes

I. Death's Doorstep (v. 21-24)

II. Chronic vs. Acute (v. 25-34)

III. Power Over Death (v. 35-43)

Conclusion: Death Has a New Master

1. Have you ever had a persistent condition (or a besetting sin) in your life for a long time, like the woman from Mark 5:25? How have you been able to take that situation to Jesus? How did He (or how IS He) work(ing) in your life and in that situation?
2. Sometimes, God works differently than we would expect... like when Jesus deals with the Chronic case (woman with bleeding) before the Acute case (little girl who is dying). Think of a time when God acted differently than you would have expected or preferred. Looking back, are you able to see how He used that scenario for His good purposes? If so, how does this give you confidence TODAY when events seem to be going in the wrong direction?
3. Death is not final because Jesus has conquered death. Instead, the Bible refers to death as SLEEPING. Through faith in Christ, we will RISE to new life, like this little girl... eternal life, according to John 11:23-27. How does this give you HOPE for the future, and how does it impact the way you live now?