February 26th – Jesus is Lord

"Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, 'Talitha, cumi' which is translated, 'Little girl, I say to you, arise.' Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement." (Mark 5:41-42)

In Mark 4-5, we are presented with four miracles that prove Christ's Lordship over all things. At the end of Mark 4, Jesus proved that He is Lord over disaster by calming a raging storm. In the proceeding verses, Jesus proved that He is Lord over demons by exorcising a legion of demons from a man of Gadara. Moving further in chapter 5, we see that Jesus is Lord over disease because He healed a woman from a hemorrhage of blood, she had been suffering with for 12 long years!

But Mark saved the best for last. Not only is Jesus Lord over disaster, demons, and disease – He is even Lord over DEATH. A man named Jairus came to ask Jesus to help his 12-year-old daughter who was dying. On the way to Jairus' house, Jesus was detained by the woman with the issue of blood. Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" because He knew that power had gone out from Him. Jesus assured the woman that she need not fear because her faith had made her well.

Unfortunately, the time it took for Christ to encounter the woman was all the time it took for Jairus' daughter to die. They said, "It's too late! Why trouble the Master any further?" When Christ arrived, He went into the girl's room, took her hand, and said, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." At that very moment, breath re-entered her body and she rose from the dead. Jesus proved His Lordship over the grave! Clearly Jesus is Lord of all, but have you acknowledged Him as Lord of your life?