

The Reward of Jairus (Luke 8:40-56, NASB)
City Church (July 21, 2026)

1. Luke 8:40-56

“[40](#)And as Jesus returned, the people welcomed Him, for they had all been waiting for Him. [41](#)And there came a man named Jairus, and he was an official of the synagogue; and he fell at Jesus’ feet, and *began* to implore Him to come to his house; [42](#)for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. But as He went, the crowds were pressing against Him.

[43](#)And a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone, [44](#)came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. [45](#)And Jesus said, “Who is the one who touched Me?” And while they were all denying it, Peter said, “Master, the people are crowding and pressing in on You.” [46](#)But Jesus said, “Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had gone out of Me.” [47](#)When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. [48](#)And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”

[49](#)While He was still speaking, someone came from *the house of* the synagogue official, saying, “Your daughter has died; do not trouble the Teacher anymore.” [50](#)But when Jesus heard *this*, He answered him, “Do not be afraid *any longer*; only believe, and she will be made well.” [51](#)When He came to the house, He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the girl’s father and mother. [52](#)Now they were all weeping and lamenting for her; but He said, “Stop weeping, for she has not died, but is asleep.” [53](#)And they *began* laughing at Him, knowing that she had died. [54](#)He, however, took her by the hand and called, saying, “Child, arise!” [55](#)And her spirit returned, and she got up immediately; and He gave orders for *something* to be given her to eat. [56](#)Her parents were amazed; but He instructed them to tell no one what had happened.”

2. A Quick Review of the Passage

- A. Jairus’s deep need
- B. Jairus’s first decision
- C. Jairus’s request
- D. Jairus’s delay
- E. Jairus’s second decision
- F. Jairus’s disaster
- G. Jairus’s reward

3. Slow-Motion Instant Replay

- A. Who Jesus is (Col. 1:15-19; Heb. 1:1-3)
- B. Where Jairus waited
- C. What Jairus saw
- D. What Jairus heard
- E. Where Jairus walked

4. Some things to wonder about:

- A. Suppose Jairus had decided not to run to Jesus in the first place
- B. Suppose Jairus had responded to the delay by running back to his daughter

- C. Suppose Jesus had healed Jairus's daughter immediately or after the "delay"
- 5. Think what Jairus would have missed:
 - a. Witnessing Jesus' powerful compassion for the sick and the destitute
 - b. Hearing Jesus speak a word directly to him
 - c. Walking with Jesus
 - d. Welcoming Jesus in to his home, into his inner rooms, into his private need and grief
 - e. Seeing Jesus take his daughter by the hand and speak to her face-to-face
- 6. He Would Have Missed His Reward
- 7. What we can learn from the story of Jairus
 - A. Instead of waiting **for** Jesus, wait **with** Him
 - Watch Him
 - Listen to Him
 - Refuse to leave Him
 - Walk with Him
 - Invite Him deep inside
- 8. What the Point of Jairus's Story is (and isn't)
 - A. Jesus is our present and our ultimate Reward
 - B. Jesus is the One we most desperately need and are most desperately longing for.
 - C. If we draw near to Him and cling to Him, no matter what, He will lead us to the Resurrection of the Dead and to the Restoration of All Things.
 - D. 2 Cor. 5:10, "We will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ"
 - "We will all stand before the **JUDGMENT SEAT** of Christ"
 - "We will all stand before the judgment seat **OF CHRIST.**"
 - What makes hell, hell is not "where you're going" but "**Who you're leaving.**"