

## **JESUS RAISES A GIRL AND HEALS A SICK WOMAN**

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Some questions for us to consider from **Mark 5:21-42**

1. Both Matthew and Luke also record these two stories together as Mark does here. It is commonly accepted that the gospel of Mark was written first and may be the source of these stories for Matthew and Luke. What might have prompted Mark to want to include these stories? How do they fill out his telling of the story of Jesus? How did these miracles come to leave such an impression on him to include them here?
2. Does anyone in particular come to your mind when you consider the miraculous healing of the woman in the crowd or the raising of Jairus' daughter? Who and why are you impressed to think about these people?
3. What do you think was the most challenging suffering aspect of this woman's disease - physical, social, spiritual, emotional and why?
4. Why do you think it was so important for Jesus to know who touched Him? Have ever wished you could reach out and touch even Jesus' robe for healing?
5. Why did Jesus say that it was her faith that made her well? Was it her faith or Jesus that ultimately brought healing? Why did Jesus put so much priority on the woman's faith?
6. Jairus' daughter was hanging between life and death. How do you think he felt when Jesus stopped to ask who touched him on the way, kept him from getting to his daughter on time and he heard the news that she was already dead? How would you feel if Jesus stopped on the way to ask about a woman's faith while your daughter was literally about to die?
7. Why did Jesus encourage Jairus not to be afraid and to just believe? What was Jairus afraid of? When have you been tempted to give in to fear this week instead of trusting it all to God?
8. What does the raising of Jairus' daughter teach you about faith in Jesus? When was the last time you felt disappointed in Jesus and later surprised by his faithfulness to you?
9. What do you need most this week from Jesus - to touch his robe or to hear his voice and why? How has today's message/study encouraged you and strengthened your faith in Him?