

## When God Seems Too Late

Mark 5:21-24; 35-43

- I. **Jairus' Desperate Faith: Desperate times call for desperate prayer (Mark 5:21-24).**
  - A. Jesus returns to Capernaum (22).
  - B. Jairus, who had heard and seen Jesus heal previously, asks Jesus for a miracle (23-24).
    - ✓ God uses personal pain and need to build our faith. We pray deeply when we care deeply.
    - ✓ When we get desperate enough we are open to believing in the power of God.

[Woman healed of bleeding – Next week's study (5:25-34)]
- II. **Jairus' Lost Cause and Jesus' Assurance: Don't fear, just trust (Mark 5:35-36).**
  - A. The assumption of Jairus' friends: Don't bother Jesus because your daughter has died: (35).
    - ✓ Don't limit God based on assumptions and "if only's."
  - B. The assurance of Jesus: Don't be afraid; just believe (36).
    - ✓ God asks us to trust Him when our hope is gone so that our focus is on His control and so we let go of ours.
- III. **Jesus raises the girl from the dead: Never underestimate the power of God (Mark 5:37-43).**
  - A. Traumatic Grieving: Jesus rebukes their loud display of grief (37-40).
    - ✓ We can misuse trials to gain personal attention.
  - B. Tender Resurrection: Total, instantaneous health (41-43).
    - ✓ God can accomplish amazing things in all situations (Ephesians 3:20-21). There are no lost causes!
    - ✓ Late timing for us can be perfect timing for God.