

THE TALE OF TWO MIRACLES
JAIRUS: WHEN FAITH MEETS FEAR

A. BACKGROUND

- This sermon series explores two powerful, intertwined miracles in Mark 5: the healing of a woman who had suffered for 12 years, and the raising of a 12-year-old girl from the dead. These stories aren't just about what Jesus did — they're about who He is: compassionate, sovereign, and never bound by human timelines.
- In this series, we'll examine how Jesus meets people in moments of desperation, delay, and death — and turns them into divine appointments. We'll discover how He works in ways that may not fit our expectations but always fulfill His perfect plan.
- **Mark 5: 21 - 43:**

²¹ When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³ He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." ²⁴ So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

³⁰ At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹ "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'" ³² But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"

³⁶ Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

³⁷ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." ⁴⁰ But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum!*" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were

completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

- In this message, we focus on Jairus, the synagogue leader who approached Jesus when his daughter was dying. His story is marked by desperation, delay, and a devastating report — yet it's also a story of **faith that refuses to quit**, and **Jesus who walks into death and speaks life**. Jairus represents the believer who has done everything right — yet still finds himself needing a miracle. His journey teaches us how to hold on when everything seems to fall apart.

B. FAITH BEGINS WHERE PRIDE ENDS

- **Scripture:** Mark 5:22; James 4:6; Matthew 5:3
- **Summary:** Jairus was a synagogue leader — powerful, respected, religious. But in crisis, *titles don't save — only Jesus does*. Jairus falls at Jesus' feet in desperation. His reputation bows to his revelation: Jesus is the only hope.
- **Key Truth:** Faith often starts where pride ends. God's power flows through humility, not hierarchy. Faith isn't born from prestige, performance, or position — it's born in surrender. Only empty hands can fully receive resurrection.
- **Reflection:** Where am I holding onto image, control, or status — instead of falling at Jesus' feet?
- **Prayer Point:** Jesus, strip away anything that keeps me from coming low before You. I surrender my pride at Your feet.

C. FAITH WALKS EVEN WHEN IT WANTS TO RUN

- **Scripture:** Mark 5:24; Psalm 27:14; Isaiah 40:31
- **Summary:** Jesus agrees to come... but He walks slowly. Jairus must walk next to the solution, but without the resolution. Every step is an exercise in patience — and faith.
- **Key Truth:** Faith isn't always fast. Sometimes it's slow obedience, trusting a Savior who never rushes, but never fails. And sometimes, the slowest moments of your life are the most sacred, because it's where you learn to trust the pace of God. Jesus could have run — but instead He taught Jairus, and us, how to walk beside a Savior who already knows the outcome.
- **Reflection:** Can I walk with Jesus at *His pace* — even when my heart is racing?
- **Prayer Point:** Lord, slow me down to Your rhythm. Teach me to trust You even when You don't move as quickly as I want.

D. FAITH IS TESTED IN THE DELAY

- **Scripture:** Mark 5:35; Romans 5:3–5; 1 Peter 1:7
- **Summary:** Jairus hears the words no parent wants to hear: “Your daughter is dead.” But the delay wasn't a failure — it was a setup for something greater. The pain of delay becomes the platform for resurrection.

- **Key Truth:** Delay is not denial. It's the place where faith is purified and trust is proven. Delay can feel like death — but to Jesus, even death is just a doorway. What feels like abandonment may actually be alignment — because Jesus didn't let Jairus skip the pain... He let him walk through it to discover that even dead things still listen when He speaks.
- **Reflection:** Where have I mistaken delay for denial? What is God deepening in me through the wait?
- **Prayer Point:** Father, refine my faith in the delay. Help me trust that what looks like a detour may actually be Your design.

E. FAITH CHOOSES WHICH VOICE TO BELIEVE

- **Scripture:** Mark 5:36; Romans 10:17; Isaiah 55:11
- **Summary:** One voice says, "Why bother?" Another says, "Just believe." Jairus stands between two reports — one from man, one from the Messiah. He must choose to believe Jesus over circumstance.
- **Key Truth:** Faith doesn't deny reality — it simply refuses to let it define the end. Jesus' word has the final say. Every battle has two voices: the voice of fear, which shouts the facts, and the voice of Jesus, which speaks the truth. The miracle didn't start when the girl got up — it started when Jairus chose which voice to believe. Faith is not ignoring reality — it's choosing to let the voice of Jesus define it.
- **Reflection:** What voices am I listening to? Who is shaping the narrative of my life — fear or faith?
- **Prayer Point:** Jesus, silence the noise of doubt in my heart. Help me hear and trust Your voice above all others.

F. FAITH ENTERS THE ROOM OTHERS LEAVE

- **Scripture:** Mark 5:38–41; John 11:25; Hebrews 11:6
- **Summary:** The mourners laughed. The crowd left. But Jesus took Jairus into the room where resurrection would happen. Not everyone can go there — but faith gets you access. Jesus speaks life where others declared death.
- **Key Truth:** Faith goes where others give up. It follows Jesus into dead places expecting life. Some miracles require quiet. Before Jesus raised the girl, He cleared the space. He removed the noise, the mockers, the ones who had already buried hope. Why? Because resurrection doesn't happen in atmospheres of doubt.
- **Reflection:** Where have I given up too soon? What rooms have I left that Jesus is still willing to enter?
- **Prayer Point:** Lord, walk with me into the rooms I've abandoned. Call life out of what looks dead in my story.

G. CONCLUSION

- **Where are you in the Story:**

- a) Are you Jairus — walking with Jesus but wondering why the miracle hasn't come?
- b) Are you surrounded by voices of fear, but clinging to Jesus' word?
- c) Or are you standing at a grave, needing Jesus to walk in and speak again?

Wherever you are — faith doesn't silence fear, but it refuses to let fear speak the final word. And Jesus — He still walks in, He still speaks up, and He still raises what looks dead.