

Sunday 3rd August 2025

Jairus Trust – Mark 5: 21-42

Welcome

- What is the biggest crowd you've ever been a part of?
- Have you ever had a 'Sliding Doors' moment where something quite insignificant has happened but it changed your life from then on?

Word

Read Mark 5: 21-24

1. Where was Jesus crossing over from? What had happened on the other side?
2. What was Jairus' request? What did this show about him? What does it tell us about his faith?
3. What was Jairus' position in the community? Why does this make his request to Jesus more surprising?
4. Are there reasons that make it difficult for us to be open about our faith and trust in Jesus?
5. How did Jesus respond to his request?

Read Mark 5: 25-34

6. What happened to interrupt Jesus's journey to Jairus's house?
7. What can we learn about this woman from this passage?
8. How must she have felt suffering through this illness for 12 years?
9. What kinds of feelings toward God may have arisen in those 12 years?
10. How would you have felt towards God? Have you experienced a difficult, lengthy situation that challenged your trust?
11. What might she have learned during these 12 years? Have your difficult situations helped you to learn?
12. Why did Jesus ask who touched Him? Did He not know the answer?
13. What was the result of His question? For the woman? For the crowd? For the disciples?
14. Why was the woman afraid to admit she touched Jesus?
15. What could cause us to be afraid to approach Jesus?
16. How did Jesus respond to the lady? What can we learn about His character from this? In particular, what is the significance of calling her 'daughter'?
17. What did Jesus mean when he said, "Your faith has made you well"?
18. Do we sometimes 'touch' Jesus on our terms and are we reluctant to let him 'touch' us (have an impact on us)?
19. How might Jairus have felt while all of this was going on?

Read Mark 5: 35-42

20. How might Jairus and the people around, have reacted to Jesus' statement in verse 36?
21. Why do you think Jesus only allowed those three disciples to go with him into the house?
22. Why did they laugh? How did Jesus respond when they laughed at him? How should we respond when people laugh at us?
23. How did the parents and disciples react when the girl got up?
24. Why did Jesus tell them not to spread this news?

Contrasting and Comparing the Two Stories:

25. How do the stories of Jairus and the woman with the haemorrhage relate to each other?
26. How did each person approach Jesus?
27. Do we find it easy to openly trust Jesus – so that others can see too?
28. What similarities and differences do you see in the faith of Jairus and the woman?
29. What does the passage, as a whole, teach us about Jesus's power and compassion?
30. How does this passage speak to the challenges and hopes of people today?
31. What does the passage teach about the nature of faith and trust?

Optional Extra:

32. What does it mean to be "afraid of God"? (v. 33)
33. How does this passage speak to the idea of cleanliness and uncleanness in Jewish law?
34. What does this passage teach about the relationship between faith and healing?
35. How does Jesus's instruction to Jairus's family not to spread the news of the miracle influence how we share our faith today?

Worship & Witness

- Pray for individuals you know who are unwell and need healing
- Pray that God will help us to trust him more – is there a specific thing that we need to trust God for today?