



JUST JESUS: A Journey Through Mark

PART 17 - Mark 5:35-43

When Hope Collapses

READ: Mark 5:35 and John 11:21–27

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) What emotions do you think Jairus experienced when he heard the words, “Your daughter has died”?
- 2) Why do you think the messengers called Jesus only a “teacher” instead of healer, Messiah, or Lord? What does that reveal about their expectations?
- 3) Pastor G said the Greek word *skylleis* implies that Jairus’ faith was viewed as bothersome. Have you ever felt mocked or discouraged in your faith by others? How did you respond?
- 4) Can you relate to a moment when hope seemed lost? What voices tried to tell you to “stop troubling the Teacher,” and how did you overcome them?
- 5) How does Martha’s conversation with Jesus in John 11 show both doubt and belief? What can we learn from that about faith in the face of death?

The Crossroads of Fear and Faith

READ: Mark 5:36 and Isaiah 41:10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Jesus tells Jairus, “Do not be afraid...only believe.” What does that say about the relationship between fear and faith?
- 2) Pastor G described this verse as a “divine hinge”—a sacred tipping point. What are some hinge moments in your life where you had to choose between fear and trust?
- 3) Why do you think Jesus doesn’t immediately explain how He’s going to help, but instead focuses on Jairus’ mindset?
- 4) What does Isaiah 41:10 promise us about God’s role when we are afraid? How does that relate to this moment in Jairus’ story?
- 5) If Jesus whispered “only believe” into your life situation right now, what would He be referring to?

Clearing the Room

READ: Mark 5:37–40a and 2 Kings 4:32–35

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why does Jesus limit who can enter the room? What does this reveal about the connection between faith, atmosphere, and miracles?
- 2) Pastor G said, “Resurrection is not a show.” What happens when we try to make sacred moments into spectacles?
- 3) The mourners quickly shift from loud weeping to mocking laughter. What does that say about their sincerity and their spiritual condition?
- 4) In 2 Kings 4, Elisha also clears the room before raising a child. What parallels do you see between Elisha’s actions and Jesus’ approach?
- 5) Are there voices or influences in your life right now that Jesus might want to “put out of the room” to increase your faith?

A Whispered Resurrection

READ: Mark 5:40b–43 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why do you think Jesus speaks to the girl in Aramaic—Talitha koum—and not just a generic command?
- 2) Pastor G said, “Jesus doesn’t just raise the dead—He calls them by name, in the language their heart will recognize.” How have you experienced that kind of personal touch from Jesus?
- 3) What does the instruction to feed the girl right after raising her say about the nature of Jesus’ love and power?
- 4) How does the idea of “sleep” for the dead, as described in 1 Thessalonians 4, give us hope today?
- 5) What might it look like for Jesus to take you by the hand in some area of your life and say, “Arise”?