



Lesson Eleven

Jesus Gives Life to Jairus' Daughter

Heart Preparation & Bible Background

How hard it must have been for Jairus, the synagogue ruler: his young daughter lay dying and he was powerless to make her better. He turned to Jesus and begged for *his* help, because Jairus knew that Jesus could come and restore her to health. His power to heal had been demonstrated many times.

Little did Jairus know that Jesus was far more than a miracle worker. “The fact that Jesus was going to make atonement for sin and had therefore received power from the Father, power even over the consequences of sin and thus also over sickness and death, he did not see.” (S. G. De Graaf, *Promise and Deliverance*, Vol. III, p. 225)

So Jesus went with Jairus. He had much to show the ruler about God’s grace and the power of redemption. He had much to teach him about faith.

On the way, news reached them that the young girl had died. We can only imagine the grief that filled Jairus’ heart when he heard the sad news. But Jesus used this opportunity to teach the ruler to trust *him*. “Don’t be afraid; just believe,” Jesus said.

What encouraging, hopeful words! Jesus wanted Jairus to rest in him; he wanted the ruler to put his faith in the One who was ready and able to defeat even the power of death.

When Jesus got to the house, he put the mourners outside, and went to the child’s room along with her parents and just three of his disciples. It was in this intimate setting that Jesus restored the young girl to life, giving her back to her family.

How astonished they were to see God’s almighty power, to see their daughter raised from death to life! Indeed, God *had* come to help his people in Jesus.

Even as we marvel at the Lord Jesus’ powerful care for one family, we anticipate his promised return for the entire family of believers, both living and dead, who have trusted him as Savior. May the Holy Spirit encourage your hearts, as you and your precious children celebrate our wonderful Savior, who is Lord of life!



Bible Truth

Jesus showed his power as Lord of life by raising Jairus’ dead daughter and restoring her to her family.

Scripture

Mark 5:21–43 (see also Matthew 9:18–25 and Luke 8:41–56)



Lesson Focus

God has come to help us in Jesus.

Goals for the Children

- Understand that Jesus raised Jairus’ daughter to show people he is God.
- Understand that Jesus did miracles so that people would trust him as God their Savior.
- Learn that God’s people will live with him when they die.



Memory Minute

Review Luke 7:16b
[The people said] “God has come to help his people.”