

THE MINISTRY OF THE LORD JESUS

Lesson Fifteen

RAISING THE DEAD (1): RAISING JAIRUS' DAUGHTER

Burden to Impart:

In this lesson we see that the Lord Jesus not only has the power to cure diseases, He has the power to overcome death. Death comes to people of all ages, sometimes even to young people. The Lord Jesus did not stop this young girl from dying. Rather, through her death He was able to demonstrate His divine power of resurrection, for He is the Son of God.

Memory Verse: "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear shall live" (John 5:25).

Facts to Teach: [Scripture reading: Mark 5:22-24, 35-43]

1. In the next two lessons we see that the Lord Jesus' ministry was not limited to healing the sick, it was able to even raise the dead. Only God could raise the dead. By raising people from the dead the Lord Jesus showed the people that He was God.

2. A good, God-fearing man (Jairus) came to Jesus begging Him to come urgently to heal his dying daughter. She was only twelve years old.

3. Jesus immediately went with Jairus. However, while He was still on His way, messengers came to Jairus and reported to him that his daughter had died already, that he should no longer "bother" Jesus.

4. Jesus, however, was not "bothered" at all. He had gladly answered Jairus' prayer to come visit his daughter, whether she was sick or well, dead or alive. He was not stopped from going to visit Jairus' little girl just because of their report that she had died. He turned to Jairus and said, "Do not fear, only believe!"

5. When the Lord told the people that the girl had not died, but was only "sleeping," the crowd at Jairus' house ridiculed the Lord. The Lord's statement that she was only "sleeping" indicates that the young girl believed in God and in the resurrection, for in God's eyes when a believer dies his body is simply "sleeping" but will one day awake in resurrection.

6. The Lord put all the unbelieving crowd out and brought the child's father and mother into the room. Then before their very eyes they saw the Lord Jesus say, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" and she did.

7. We can see in this true story that the Lord Jesus' power can be limited by nothing in the universe, not even death. No barrier is too strong to stop Him, for He is God Himself.

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QUESTIONS FOR LESSON FIFTEEN

1. Who was Jairus? (Mark 5:22)
2. Do you think Jairus and his family believed in Jesus?
(Mark 5:23) Yes _____ No _____
3. Jairus asked the Lord to just speak a word and heal his daughter. (Mark 5:23) True _____ False _____
4. It seems that Jesus felt "bothered" to go and raise up a young girl of twelve years of age. (Mark 5:24) True _____ False _____
5. Before Jesus arrived at the girl's house she had already died. (Mark 5:35) True _____ False _____
6. Most of the people believed the Lord's words when He said, "The child did not die, but is sleeping." (Mark 5:39-40)
True _____ False _____
7. The girl immediately rose up when the Lord Jesus took her hand and told her to arise. (Mark 5:42) True _____ False _____