

Jairus

Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

1. Intro

1. Many men have fathered children, but that does not make them fathers.
 1. To be a father one must take an interest in his family.
2. We have a prominent man in the Jewish community seeking out Jesus because of his daughter.
3. He sought out Jesus; he brought Jesus into his home; he expressed his love for her by doing this.

2. Jairus

1. Had an important position in the community.
 1. Presiding elder of the synagogue.
 2. Responsible for the order of the service.
 3. Keeper of the scriptures.
 4. He appointed those who were to read scripture.
 5. He represented the Jewish community to the outside world.
2. His position gave him a high social standing.
 1. Yet even with all of this, he still had a problem, a sick daughter.
3. No matter our place in society problems will still be there.

3. He Sought Out Jesus

1. He went to find Jesus himself; he did not send his wife or his servant.
2. He fell at Jesus' feet and pleaded with Him. (22-23).
 1. His social position did not mean anything to him at this point.
 2. He was committed to his family, to his daughter. Nothing else mattered.
3. Are we seekers of Jesus?
 1. We need to seek after the one who can give us wisdom, strength and guidance for our families.

4. He Brought Jesus Into His Home

1. To the religious crowd of the day, Jesus connected with the undesirables.
 1. To have Him in your home would be unthinkable.
2. His reputation would be at stake with his peers.
 1. His love for his daughter was greater than his reputation.
 2. His daughter depended upon Him.
3. Remember the Passover in Egypt.
 1. Blood had to be put over the door and on each side for the death angel to pass over.
 2. The father was responsible to do this.
 1. His response to the instruction determined the fate of his family.
4. Is Jesus living in our homes?
 1. Jesus needs to be first and foremost in our homes.
 2. His blood needs to be applied to the doorposts.
 3. There is an adversary that would like to seek out and destroy that which is most precious to us.

5. He Loved His Daughter

1. Only the love of his daughter would allow this man to submit to another authority.
 1. His status and reputation was no longer a concern for him.
2. Jesus brings only the significant people into the room as the power of God is demonstrated. (40)
 1. A teaching time for the disciples.
 2. A miracle time for the parents.
3. The power of God can be demonstrated in our lives if Jesus has the authority.

6. Conclusion

1. We, father and family, need to seek after Jesus.
2. Jesus should not only be in our lives, but represented in our homes.
3. The love of our family should be enough to submit to the authority of the One who gave His life for me.