

File No. 121

MARK 5:21–43

Matthew 9:18–26; Luke 8:40–56

DAUGHTER OF JAIRUS

(SBS Bk 4 Story No 61)

Story Notes

A synagogue leader believed his dead daughter could be raised. In the midst of this man's desperate need came the belief that even death was not final. His faith was sorely tried but he learned that Christ was greater than death.

This event was a sign of how Israel's leaders could change so that the power of Jesus could bring the healing needed by the whole nation.

The woman who sought healing secretly from Jesus was brought into personal contact with himself. He gave her, not only healing, but the assurance that she had sought God and that God had heard her prayer.

Jesus healed people because they were sick and because his Father had compassion on them. However, the healings were signs of God's favour for all and pointed to Jesus as the focus of God's favour.

His healings were also indications of the new age which God would establish in Christ's resurrection. Here was the Seed of Eve who would crush Satan's head (Gen. 3:15) and destroy his works (I John 3:8). Christ is greater than death, and can bring us to his Father.

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