

“Jesus’ Power Over Disease and Death”

Luke 8:40-56

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I. Introduction

- A. We live in a world of disease and death
 - 1. Why?
 - a) Because of sin
 - 2. There is hope in Jesus the Redeemer
 - 3. The Gospels were written to show us that Jesus is the promised Redeemer
 - a) Illustration- (Acts 2:22)
 - 4. When Jesus came the first time, He displayed His power over nature, demons, disease, and death
 - 5. When He comes the second time, He will bind Satan. There is a brand-new world coming.”
- B. In our text today, we see a display of Christ’s compassion and power
 - 1. It involves two people in great sorrow
 - a) A man named “Jairus,” whose daughter was dying
 - b) The other, an anonymous woman suffering from an incurable disease
 - 2. Note the contrast. Jairus was an important synagogue officer
 - 3. The woman was an anonymous nobody
 - 4. Jairus had a position and resources; the woman had nothing
 - 5. Jairus came pleading for his daughter; the woman came with a need of her own
 - 6. Jairus’ daughter for 12 years had brought him great joy; the woman for 12 years had suffered with a great need
 - 7. Jairus’ need was public; the woman’s need was private
 - 8. Now sorrow and sickness have brought them together at the feet of Jesus

II. Jesus and the Desperate Dad (Luke 8:40-42)

- A. It wasn’t easy for Jairus to come to Jesus (v. 41)
 - 1. “He was a ruler of the synagogue” (v. 41)
 - 2. God humbles the proud
 - 3. He had to put aside his pride and humbly come to Jesus for help
 - 4. “He fell down at Jesus’ feet” (v. 41)
 - a) He begged him to come to his house (v. 41)
 - 5. Why?
 - a) Perhaps he had seen Jesus heal others?
 - b) He came out of need
 - 1) Illustration- Rich young ruler
 - c) How about you? What will it take?

III. Jesus and the Diseased Daughter (Luke 8:43-48)

- A. She was diseased (v. 43)
 - 1. “She had an issue of blood twelve years” (v. 43)

2. Physical, social, spiritual
3. Ceremonially unclean
- B. She was destitute (v. 43)
 1. “She had spent all her living upon physicians” (v. 43)
 2. Dr. Luke
 3. She looked everywhere for help
 4. Our only hope is in Jesus
- C. She was desperate (v. 43)
 1. “Neither could be healed of any” (v. 43)
 2. She finally came to Jesus out of desperation
 3. Desperation made her bold
- D. Why did Jesus deal with her publicly? (vv. 44-48)
 1. For her sake
 2. For the crowd’s sake
 - a) A rebuke
 - b) “Who touched me?”
 3. For Jairus’ sake
 - a) A disastrous delay
 4. This was providentially planned
 - a) To strengthen Jairus’ faith
 - b) For our good and for His glory
 5. We never read that Jesus hurried anywhere
 6. Your life is directed by the Lord, not only in its steps but also in its stops
 7. God controls the delays!

IV. Jesus and the Dead Daughter (Luke 8:49-56)

- A. All hope was gone. (v. 49)
 1. With Jesus, there is hope
 2. The words Jesus used to bring comfort and hope to Jairus
- B. The word of faith (vv. 50-51)
 1. It’s faith in Jesus
 2. Faith’s object
- C. The word of hope (vv. 52-53)
 1. “Only sleeping” (v. 52)
 2. How Jesus viewed death
- D. The word of power (vv. 54-56)
 1. “Maid, arise” (v. 54)
 2. (Mark 5:41)
 3. What a family reunion!
 - a) Illustration- A picture of Heaven
 4. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
 5. The three people Jesus raised from the dead:
 - a) The 12-year-old girl
 - b) The widow’s son
 - c) Lazarus

V. Conclusion

- A. In times of sorrow or grief, we never appeal to Jesus in vain
 - 1. His accessibility
 - 2. His availability
 - 3. His inexhaustibility
 - 4. His power
 - 5. Call on Him to be saved
- B. Jesus is the Savior of the world
 - 1. All power over:
 - a) Nature
 - b) Satan and demons
 - c) Disease and death
 - 2. At his Second Coming
 - a) There is a new world coming!