

# Don't be afraid, just believe

## Mark 5:21-43

### Introduction

If you were to video everything that you did for a week or two what we learn about you by watching that video?

Today we come to the last two of a series of 4 miracles that reveal more about what we need to understand about Jesus and how we ought to respond to him. Please read verse 21 to 43.

### By the lake

The third and fourth stories are intertwined together with one contained within another. The fourth miracle story (depending on how you count it) begins by the lake. Please read verses 21 to 24 to discover what happened when Jesus returned from the other side of the lake back to the more Jewish side.

1. Who came to Jesus when he arrived back and what do we know about them (see Mark 2:4, 3:7,9,20)?

2. How did Jairus approach Jesus and what does that suggest about his attitude towards Jesus?

## Think about it

Why do you think Jesus stopped what he was doing with the crowd and went with Jairus?

What do we learn about Jesus and how we are meant to respond to him?

## Along the way

Jesus left with Jairus and headed to his house with the large crowd following along. Please read verses 24 to 34 to discover what happened along the way and how the journey was interrupted by a woman.

3. What do we know about this woman that interrupted the journey? What was she hoping would happen?
4. Why did Jesus' question in verse 31 seem so unreasonable to the disciples?

5. How did the woman respond to Jesus' enquiries?
  
6. What did Jesus say that explained what had gone on?

### Think about it

Put yourself in the shoes of Jairus for a moment. How do you think he would have felt while all this was going on?

What do you think Jesus stopped everything and kept looking around to find out who touched his garment?

What do we learn about Jesus and how we are to respond to him?

While Jesus was still talking people from the home of Jairus turned up with some bad news. Please read verses 35 to 37.

7. What was the bad news that Jairus received from home and how do you think that he would have felt when he received it?
  
8. What did Jairus tell Jesus to do and what do you think that meant for Jesus in the circumstances that he was facing?

### Think about it

Why would have what had just happened with the woman been an encouragement to Jesus?

What situations or circumstances do you find difficult for faith?

### At home

Jesus went with Jairus to his home taking with him three of his disciples. Please read verses 38 to 43 and see what happened when they arrived at the home of Jairus.

9. Who were already gathered there and what were they doing and how did they respond to what Jesus told them?

10. What was Jesus saying about this little girl?

11. Why were those who went to see the girl with Jesus completely astonished?

### Think about it

What do we learn about Jesus and how we are to respond to him?

Sometimes the things we face make it difficult to keep on believing. What things do you find make it difficult to keep on trusting in Jesus?

What encouragement do we have to keep on believing?