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Topics.

- A man named Legion.
- Jesus heals Jairus daughter.
- Jesus heals a woman with a discharge of blood.
- Demons and devils.

The Previous Chapter: in the previous chapter Jesus taught the crowds parables from a boat on the Sea of Galilee and then he and the disciples sailed to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. A wild storm came up while Jesus was asleep in the boat the disciples were afraid and accused Jesus of not caring about them. Jesus rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. Jesus seemed astonished that the disciples even after seeing all the miracles that he had done still did not fully understand who he was.

NOTE: for information concerning people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

A Man named Legion.

Mark 5:1-20 ----- ¹They (the disciples and Jesus) came to the other side of the sea (of Galilee) to the country of the Gerasenes. ²And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. (akathartos) ³He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, ⁴for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. ⁵Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and bruising himself with stones. ⁶And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. ⁷And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." ⁸For he was saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" ⁹And Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." ¹⁰And he begged him earnestly not to send them (the demons) out of the country. ¹¹Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside (where the caves were), ¹²and they (the demons) begged him (Jesus), saying, "Send us (the demons) to the pigs; let us (the demons) enter them." ¹³So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out, and entered the pigs, and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and were drowned in the sea. ¹⁴The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened. ¹⁵And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ¹⁶And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. ¹⁷And they (the people of the city) began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. ¹⁸As he (Jesus) was getting into the boat, the man (named Legion) who had been possessed with demons (daimon) begged him that he might be with him. ¹⁹And he (Jesus) did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." ²⁰And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis (on the East Side of the Sea of Galilee) how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.

Decapolis: was a district in Syria consisting of ten cities situated in one district on the east of the Sea of Galilee.

Unclean spirit: (akathartos) in the context of this story means the same as being demonically possessed.

Legion: is of Latin origin and literally means a Roman regiment, army or battalion between three-thousand to six-thousand men. Figuratively it means a large force or multitude, thus the man in this story believed he had many thousands of demons controlling him and that he would be punished by God and sent to the bottomless pit, but just because a mentally tormented person believes such a thing does mean that what he believed is a true fact.

THE STORY: is also found in (Matt. 8:28-34) (Luke. 8:28-34). The following is not a dogmatic interpretation of every detail, but hopefully will give an overview of the story as recorded by Matthew, Mark and Luke and aid the reader in discovering even greater detail within the three different author's writings.

- Mark focus is on the man called Legion, he says, immediately a man came from the tombs to meet Jesus.
- Matthew says two men coming out of the tombs (or caves) met Jesus (Matthew 8:28).
- Luke says a man from the city who lived in the tombs met Jesus.

Mark and Luke are speaking about the same man who even though he was from the city is at this moment living amongst the tombs, while Matthew is telling the same story but is focused on two men who lived at the tombs (or caves), thus the reason Mark says from the tombs and Luke says from the city.

Luke and Mark are focused on the same man (called Legion) (both are in the same area) so there are actually three men in the story recorded in Mark Matthew and Luke. Two who are living in the caves on the mountain who see or meet Jesus when he gets off the boat and another man also with demons who is coming from the city to meet Jesus. The term immediately meet (Mark 5v2) can simply mean the man coming out from the tombs immediately ran toward Jesus when he saw him. Near the end of the story all three men are in front of Christ.

The Caves: the caves had chains to restrain people and people in their right minds must have been at the caves to put the chains on these people and to give them water to drink and food to eat therefore it is possible that the caves may have been a place where people with mental disorders or those believed to be possessed with demons lived during the time of their seizures (like our modern day homes for the mentally ill). This is especially likely since in this story there are three demon possessed men all in the same region and it is most likely that there may have been other mentally ill people living in the caves, but just not recorded in the story.

Marks's story has a man who: -

- Had demons.
- Was bound with chains, but able to wrench them apart.
- Thought Jesus had come to torment him.
- Was called Legion.
- Jesus restored to his right mind.
- Pleaded to go with Jesus.
- Returned to his home in Decapolis and testified of what the Lord had done.

Mark and Luke give an account of the same story as Matthew but most likely focused on the man called Legion because he was the most dominant of the three characters. His mental condition was so extreme he believed he was possessed with multitudes of demons, today we would say he was mentally insane.

The man called Legion.

The man is said to have demons and an unclean spirit, in the King James Bible demons are called unclean spirits and in most Bibles both words appear as interchangeable titles with each other. To a Jew anyone who was ceremonially or morally impure and especially those who suffered with mental illnesses, sickness or a physical disability that they did not understand would be considered unclean and certainly possessed with evil gods called demons.

Jesus with the disciples had sailed across the Sea of Galilee and on arriving in the country of the Gerasenes a man with an unclean spirit (akathartos) called Legion from the tombs met him and cried out saying, "Jesus the Son of the Most High God," and begged him not to torment him, troubled as this man was he knew Jesus was the Son of God. He believed he had many evil gods called a demons residing in him and knew that there would be a judgment day.

Added to this he knows the man standing in front of him is the Son of God, no wonder he thought Jesus had come to torment him. During the times of this mans extreme rage he had enormous strength and extreme anguish as Mark says he was crying night and day and brutally hurting himself with stones.

It is more than probable that during Jesus generation people who believed they had evil gods (demons) dwelling in them also believed that they would receive the wrath of God at judgement and therefore may have reasoned if they punished themselves now they will not be punished by God latter.

Even today because of this mistaken reasoning some religious people, set about deliberately hurting themselves thinking it will somehow appease God from tormenting them in eternity. Today we would most likely call this mans illness schizophrenia which is a mental disorder characterised by split personality and in most cases can be controlled by chemical drugs. Jesus generation called these other personalities demons and unclean spirits.

Statistics from a Sixty Minutes television program (8/6/2003) stated that: -

- 100,000 teenage youth suffer server mental depression and cut themselves.
- Good parents and good kid's say it is another world of hell they live in.
- Even today the medical professions don't fully understand it.

A sound mind: the fact the man named Legion had friends and a home and that it is stated that the man was in his right mind meaning his normal mind after Jesus had healed him shows that this sickness was not a physical sickness but a state of the mans mind and also indicates that the man was not always in a state of mental insanity but at times lived a normal life with his friends and family while in his right or normal mind.

Gods love through Christ goes out to a Demon Possessed Man.

The people in Jesus era would consider that this man was a waste of space or an idiot they would have viewed the man as less than human and mocked and laughed at him while their children probably teased him or made fun of him. Added to this because they believed people in this tragic condition had evil gods called demons possessing them they would have put them out of the city.

- Mark says immediately a man came from the tombs to met Jesus (Mark 5v2).
- Luke says a man from the city who lived in the tombs met Jesus (Luke 8:27).

Mark and Luke are speaking about the same man this is the same man. In their story the focus is on this other man who even though he was from the city is at this moment living amongst the tombs, simply because he also had demons. When he saw Jesus he went down to the boat to meet him, thus there are three men in this story.

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The man begged Jesus not to send the demons out of the country (v10).

We can only speculate at the reasons the man did not want Jesus to send the demons into the country, some suggest the man was asking Jesus not to send him out of the country they say the word "them", should be "he" but this would not fit with (Mark 5:12) which has the demons begging Jesus to let them enter the pigs and Luke says, the demons begged Jesus not to send them into the abyss (A bottomless pit) (Luke 8:31). Maybe verse twelve could read, "And the mentally mad man asked for all the demons to be cast into the pigs."

NOTICE.

Jesus didn't cast these ones out, but allowed them to leave as the mentally disturb man requested and the transference of the mental sickness or disorder to the pigs drove them over the cliff (see the following story of Naaman the leper). Perhaps the men feared that the demons would possess other humans (this is only human reasoning, there are probably many other speculations) remember even though these men are seriously troubled they are not wicked evil people.

When the people hear what had happened they plead with Jesus to leave their region probably fearing they might loose all their pigs (v17) so Jesus and the disciple begin climbing into the boat, and as they do the now healed man begs to go with him (v18), but Jesus tells him to go back to his home and his friends (v19) thus as mentally disturb as this man was he still had friends and a home, so it is reasonable to suppose that he may not have been out of his right mind all the time, maybe he escaped to the hills during the period of his illness and stayed there until his seizures or fits had passed to escape the city folk mocking and jeering at him.

The man tells everyone what Jesus had done for him.

Jesus told the man from the city to tell the people about the compassion and mercy the Lord has had on him so the man went into the whole city of Decapolis (on the East Side of the Sea of Galilee) and spoke of the great things Jesus did and all who heard marveled.

God's Great Love.

Even though the people would not have fully understood the miracle they recognized that God's mercy and compassion through Christ had healed a man that many considered demon possessed and only fit for the caves amongst the dead. This story shows that God the Father cared for a man that society considered, demon possessed and a waste of space. The focal message and important point of this story is not the detail of knowing exactly what happened, but recognizing as the people did that the Lord does not withhold his compassion or his mercy from anyone who asks no matter what their condition in this mortal life is. God the Father cared for a man that society considered, demon possessed and a waste of space.

This man called Legion believed Jesus was the Son of God and after humbling himself before Christ both Mark and Luke say, "The man named Legion was now in his right mind."

The Old Testament records a similar story in which a sickness is transferred from one person to another.

Naaman, was a great man, honourable, mighty in valour, but he was a leper Elisha hears of it and sends a messenger to Naaman, saying, go and wash in the Jordan and you shall be healed, Naaman obeyed and he was healed. Gehazi (Elisha's servant) after being told by Elisha not to ask Naaman for any reward sneaks off after Naaman and does exactly what Elisha had told him not to, he by lying to Naaman asks him for a reward. Naaman gives Gehazi two talents of silver, when Elisha hears of it, Gehazi lies again to Elisha and Elisha tells him the leprosy that

Naaman had shall now cleave onto Gehazi and to his seed for ever, Gehazi went out from Elisha's presence a leper as white as snow. This story shows that even the word of a prophet can transfer a sickness onto another (2 Kings 5:1-21).

Two Possible Reasons for this Story.

1. Jesus simply wanted to heal a man that was in great suffering and mental torment, perhaps the transference of the man's illness into the pigs was to convince the man that he was healed.
2. Jesus may have transferred the illness into the pigs so the word of Christ would spread throughout the area. This event was so dramatic that the story of Jesus and the man with the mental illness quickly spread throughout the surrounding region. In the days of Christ there was no radio, news papers, global TV or internet etc. At various times throughout the Bible God did something out of the ordinary that had a great impact on the human mind and caused people to take heed. Maybe that is one reason for this dramatic story, it certainly had that effect people literally ran to the cities and the country and with great excitement told the story to everyone they met.

The Son of God and God the Father (v39).

Jesus told the man named Legion, "To return to his home and declare how much God had done for him." Some in the Christian faith use this verse to support the theory the Lord Jesus Christ is actually God the Father, but this is reading far more into the verse than what Jesus is saying. It simply means that it is God the Father's power working through Christ the Son that has healed this suffering and tormented man, thus the reason Jesus gives the credit to God.

For further information see the title: -

- Trinity (The Doctrine of the Trinity).
- In, Various Topics (ON WEBSITE MENU).

A difficult story: this is a difficult chapter to understand, even for those holding to the traditional and conventional Christian belief that an immortal evil god called satan controls hundreds of millions of eternal evil spirit gods called demons less powerful than himself and sends them to earth to torment people and inflict all kinds of mental and physical sickness onto the innocent including deafness and blindness. This concept raises the question, "What would be the point of Jesus casting evil gods called demons into pigs knowing that when the pigs die, the so called immortal demons would be free to go and possess and destroy multitudes of other living human beings.

Demons, Devils and Sickness.

The English word demon and demons are not found in the entire King James Bible. In the New Testament of the King James Bible the translators have unfortunately translated both (diabolos) and (daimion) as devil or devils which gives a completely wrong understanding of the Greek words diabolos (devil) and daimion (demon).

This has over the years led to a misunderstanding of the difference between devils and demons. Most well recognized and globally accepted modern Bibles have translated demons (daimion) and devils (diabolos) correctly. The word demons (daimion) was believed to be an inferior deity or god and primarily relates to sickness whereas devils (diabolos) means a false accuser or slander and primarily relates to people's behavior and not sickness.

The Jews and demons: the Jews believed demons to be an inferior evil god or deity that held possession of those with severe sickness either bodily or mentally those that were mentally sick were believed to be possessed by an evil inferior god called daimon.

They believed that the demons (daimonions) so held possession of them as not only to afflict them with ills, but also to dethrone the reason and take its place themselves and that people possessed with demons were forced by the demons to express the mind and consciousness of the demons dwelling in them, and the only cure was by the expulsion of the demons.

The fact that the Pharisees and scribes and certain Jews believed John the Baptist and Jesus were possessed by demons (Jn. 7:20) (Jn. 8:48-49) (Jn. 10:19-20) (Matt. 11:18) clearly shows us that just because the religious leaders of Jesus era believed mental illness, deafness, blindness and sickness they didn't understand were a result of demons does not mean it is a true fact.

The biblical difference between Sickness and Demons.

In most instances when people had an illness that does not control the person, it is referred to in biblical writings as a sickness, but when a sickness (mental illness) controls a person to do things they do not want to do (have fits etc.), they are referred to as having demons or an unclean spirit.

Sickness commonly related to illnesses the people understood, while demons primarily relate to severe illnesses and diseases, either bodily or mentally the people did not understand. Just because people believe something does not mean it is true if the Bible were being written today it would contain words like bi-polar disorder, schizophrenia epilepsy, melancholy, loss of speech etc., which in the New Testament are referred to as unclean spirits, demons or caused by demons as are paralysis, blindness and deafness and any other sickness the people did not understand.

One super evil god in control of millions of lesser evil gods.

Any force in a human that controls a person to do things they cannot control themselves, things that affects their behavior and mental well-being, voices or words in the mind and severe diseases, either bodily or mentally, (such as schizophrenia paralysis, blindness, deafness, loss of speech, epilepsy, melancholy, insanity and seizures etc., plus speeches that entice people against the things of God and God Himself are all commonly called demons in the New Testament.

But the Bible does not present a picture of one super evil god (slightly less in power than God) being in control of millions of lesser evil gods. This is a modern day misunderstanding of the language of the Bible. Demons are not evil people as Hollywood portrays demon possessed people in their movies. People in the Bible that had demons were morally good people and in some case only children who were sadly afflicted with severe diseases, either bodily or mentally such as paralysis, blindness, deafness and loss of speech, epilepsy, melancholy and insanity, etc.

In the opinion of the Jews demons had entered their bodies, and so held possession of them as not only to afflict them with ills, but also to dethrone the reason and take its place themselves. The people of Jesus age believed the possessed were driven to express the mind and consciousness of the demons dwelling in them; and their only cure was thought to require the expulsion of the demon.

The Origin of Demons.

A demon is believed to be a supernatural being, spirit, or force capable of influencing human lives, usually by evil means. Demons have played a role in the traditions of most religions. The practice of expelling demons (exorcism) that possess people or places has been carried out by many religions. The belief in evil spirits and their ability to influence the lives of people dates from prehistoric times. Many early people believed that spirits occupied all elements of nature.

Evil spirits or demons were spirits that brought harm to living people. Societies that believed in demons sought to influence the actions of both good and bad spirits through worship and sacrifices. Some ancient societies, including those in Egypt and Babylonia (now Iraq), believed that such spirits were responsible for the functions of the body and that demons caused specific illnesses.

The word demon originated from an ancient Greek term, daimon, which referred to beings whose special powers placed them between people and the gods. These beings had the ability either to improve people's lives or carry out the punishment of the gods. Basic Christian ideas about demons originated from references to evil beings or unclean spirits in the Old Testament. By the middle ages, Christian theology had developed an elaborate hierarchy of angels, who were associated with God, and fallen angels, or demons, who were led by Satan. Satan himself was considered the original fallen angel.

Islam also developed a complex system of demons. Muslim writings describe a group of evil beings, called jinn, who cause destruction and preside over places where evil activities take place. The original jinn was called Iblis, who was cast out by Allah for refusing to worship Adam, the first man.

Modern day misunderstanding of Demons.

Demons can be seen as any controlling power or force in people that is destructive to their well-being, science says, anorexia and such like are mental problems and not physical, doctors call anorexia a destructive mental power or force whereas the Bible calls it, demons meaning, something that is destructive to a humans well-being. Today's generations primary understanding of demons comes from Hollywood and not New Testament or spiritual thinking because of this to think of someone having a demon is highly offensive as it implies they are either extremely evil or extremely morally bankrupt which not one of the persons who are said to have demons in the Bible were.

It is not the Bible that is wrong, but the modern day misunderstanding of the terminology and language of the Bible because modern generations have been influenced by a wrong understanding of the language used during the time of Jesus and the apostles.

SOME SIMILAR BIBLICAL STORIES.

A Woman and her daughter: a Greek Syrophenician woman asked Jesus to cast forth the demon (daimon) (meaning an inferior deity or god) out of her daughter, Jesus said the demon is gone out of her daughter and when she went to her house, she found her daughter healed. This is a woman's young daughter, a child. The child would not be evil or morally bankrupt, this was not an inferior evil god or deity possessing the child as the Jews believed but a mental disorder or disease (Mark 7:23-30).

A man and his child: a man tells Jesus that a spirit takes his child, and the son cries out during his epileptic fits and the boy suffers bodily harm. This is a man loved his son, the child would certainly not be evil or morally bankrupt, the spirit, is not an evil god possessing the child as the Jews believed, but a mental disorder, illness or disease (Luke 9:37-41).

A lunatic: a man came to Jesus and asked him to have mercy on his son telling Jesus that his son is lunatic (meaning affected by the moon), and often has very bad fits that sometimes seriously harm the boy (Matt. 17:14-18). The Jews believed evil inferior gods caused mental disorders and the Greeks believed the moon could cause bodily seizures or fits. Today we know the moon does not cause illness, but understand that the child had epilepsy or a similar disease and was having a fit, the Greeks and the Jews knew nothing of epilepsy or the like so they simply referred to illnesses and sicknesses they did not understand as being the result of the moon or the sick person being possessed by inferior evil gods. The Jews mistaken understanding of demons was the same as the Greeks wrong belief about the moon.

There are many so-called gods in Heaven and on Earth.

The Bible teaches that there is only one real God and creator of all that exists and His name is I AM the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, yet the apostle Paul says there are many so-called gods in heaven and on earth (1 Cor. 8:5). Immediately after making this statement Paul says, nevertheless not everyone possesses this knowledge. Meaning the knowledge that there are many gods, neither do they understand how and why (1 Cor. 8:7).

Pagans believed in various gods, often referred to as "the god." These false but very real illusionary gods are created by a very strong belief in "the god" in the imagination of the mind. The New Testament calls these gods demons (daimonion), but that does not mean real inferior false gods actually exist, they are an entity created by a false belief of the mind, but to the person believing in false gods and demons they are very real entities this is most likely why Jesus did not try to explain the medical terms as we know them today.

Jesus rather than go into lengthy detail to explain in detail the medical causes of sickness simply used the common language of his era and manifested God's power over all other gods people believed in by supernaturally healing people. Once a person saw and experience the healing power of God why would they continue to believe in their false inferior gods who had no power? When Jesus gave this same healing power to his apostles to heal physical sickness and spiritual or mental disorders of the mind it was not solely so they could deliver people from their sickness, but to prove to the people that they were teaching the words of the only true God and the only way to eternal salvation. Thus the apostles and Jesus ministry was not to teach medical science, but to connect people separated from God to God.

Demons (illusionary gods and the Mind).

Demons as evil spiritual gods only exist in the mind of those who believe in them, they are an image of the mind created by imagination through a false belief in them. This false image in the mind will affect a person's emotions and feelings accordingly because the human nervous system cannot tell the difference between a real image of the mind and a false one. The imaginary but real images of the mind create real emotions and feelings of fear through the human nervous system and these feelings in turn reinforce and convince those that believe in demons or monsters that real evil gods do exist.

Not everything is black and white: perhaps everything regarding demons is not quite as black and white as I have explained, even the best doctors and scientist in the world today still don't fully understand the cause of many of these illness, but one thing that is very clear and is black and white is that those in the Bible who were said to be possessed by demons were not evil wicked people in fact some were children and others humbly fell at the Lords feet and wanted to follow him added to this God through the Lord Jesus Christ showed them great compassion and mercy.

For further information see the titles: -

- Devils.
- Demons.

Both titles are in, Satan and his Family (ON WEBSITE MENU).

Jesus Heals Jairus Daughter.

Mark 5:21-24 ----- ²¹And when Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. ²²Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him.

Jesus with his disciple's leaves the country of the Gerasenes and sails to the other side of the Lake of Galilee. Upon arriving in Capernaum he meets a man named Jairus who was an Israelite and ruler of the synagogue in Capernaum. Jairus daughter is so sick she is almost dead; he knows Jesus can heal his daughter, but he doesn't know if he will so he humbly asks Jesus to go with him and heal her. Jesus goes with Jairus and crowds follow (continued at verse 35).

A Woman with a Discharge of Blood.

Mark 5:25-34 ----- ²⁵And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." ²⁹And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²And he (Jesus) looked around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

Jesus on his way to heal Jairus daughter meets a woman who had suffered for twelve years because of a discharge of blood. She has spent all her money on multitudes of doctors to no avail in fact she got even worse. She had heard rumours of a man who had the power to heal.

This woman had tremendous faith, based on only rumours she believed all she had to do to be healed was touch the Lord's cloak, this great faith motivated her to push through the crowds until she was able to touch the Lord's garment. Immediately she did the flow of blood dried up and she knew she was healed. Jesus, aware that power had gone out from him asked, "Who touched his garment?" The disciples appear somewhat confused, to them the question seemed foolish because multitudes were touching him, but this woman was touching him with faith. The woman humbly approaches the Lord in fear and trembling and tells him what happened and Jesus commends her faith.

NOTICE: Jesus said the woman's faith healed her this is because it motivated her to do what she had to do to get to the Lord and touch him. Her inward faith was outwardly evidence by her actions which resulted in her being healed.

Jairus Daughter continued from verses 21-24.

Mark 5:35-43 ----- ³⁵While he (Jesus) was still speaking, there came from the ruler's (Jairus back in verses 22-24) house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father (Jairus) and mother and those who were with him (Peter, James & his brother John) and went in where the child was. ⁴¹Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³And he (Jesus) strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

People from Jairus house approach him and tell him his daughter has died, Jesus comforts Jairus and tells him to continue believing. Jesus, Jairus, Peter and James arrive at Jairus house and everyone is outside full of grief and weeping.

It is almost certain that these people have had it confirmed by doctors that the girl has died, so when Jesus says she is sleeping, they of course think he is foolish and laugh at him. Jesus only takes Jairus and his wife, Peter, James and his brother John with him into the house. The Lord takes the child by the hand and says, "Talitha cumi (Little girl) arise." And immediately the girl is able to walk, of course everyone in the room is stunned and no-doubt overflowing with uncontrollable joy.

NOTICE: Jesus told those in the house not to tell anyone of the girls healing. Jesus often told those he had healed not to tell anyone for the following two reasons: -

1. Because when the people heard that he could heal they came to him by the hundreds to be healed, the crowds grew so big that neither he nor the apostles had time to sleep, eat or be on their own to pray and relax. Healing was not Jesus primary ministry, his mission was to proclaim the Gospel in various towns and teach his twelve apostles and he would have been fully aware that he only had a limited time to do it in. Perhaps this is why Jesus told the crowds outside the house that the girl was only sleeping, once they saw her outside walking they would have believed that what he had said was true.
2. Jesus did not want to stir up the wrath of the religious leaders the chief priests, Pharisees, scribes or the Romans as it was not yet his time to lay down his life.

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