

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What made Jesus attractive to the people at this time?
2. What position does man usually come to before asking Jesus for help?
3. Why did Jesus put out those who laughed at Him?
4. What part does faith have in victory over death?

SUMMARY:

The popularity of Jesus had reached its greatest height at this time. Many flocked to see the many miracles performed, but Jairus came as a man who had reached his extremity. His only hope of help was Jesus. He believed if Jesus would only lay His hands on his dying daughter she could live. Jesus moved by compassion and seeing Jairus' faith went with him. Before arriving, word came of the girl's death. Jesus encouraged Jairus to have no fear, only believe. On arriving the mourners laughed him to scorn when he said the girl was not dead but sleeping. Jesus put them all out except Peter, James, and John and the parents of the girl, then went in to her and raised her from the dead. In bringing one back from death, Jesus proved His power over death and His ability to bring spiritual life to those dead in trespasses and sins.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #2

January 13, 2008

First Quarter

CHRIST, MASTER OF DEATH

LESSON TEXT: Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

LESSON SETTING: Jesus preaching to the people near the Sea of Galilee.

TIME: About 28-31 A.D.

- I. THE COMPASSIONATE CHRIST.** Mark 5:21-24
 - A. Christ Reverenced (vs. 22) Matthew 8:2; 14:33
 - B. Christ's Compassion (vs. 23) Matthew 9:36; 20:34
 - C. Great Faith (vs. 22) Matthew 8:10; 15:28
- II. THE COMFORTING CHRIST.** Mark 5:35-36
 - A. Man's Extremity (vs. 35) John 6:9; Acts 12:6; 27:20
 - B. In Christ—Hope (vs. 36) 1 Peter 1:3; Titus 2:13
 - C. Call to Faith (vs. 36) Mark 11:22
- III. THE CONQUERING CHRIST.** Mark 5:37-43
 - A. Christ Seeks to Help (vs. 37-38) Matthew 23:37
 - B. Power over Death (vs. 41-42) 2 Timothy 1:10; Revelation 21:4
 - C. Man's Astonishment (vs. 42) Luke 2:47-48; 4:22, 36

GOLDEN TEXT: *BE NOT AFRAID, ONLY BELIEVE.*

Mark 5:36

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Mark 5:25-34; Hebrews 4:14-16

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Matthew 9:18-22; Luke 8:43-48

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ - King and Savior

TOPIC: CHRIST, MASTER OF SICKNESS

INTRODUCTION:

The woman who touched the hem of Christ's garment knew that she was desperately ill and needed help. She had spent all she had looking for health but did not find it. Then hearing of Jesus and His power she believed she could receive help if she but touched his garment. What marvelous faith she had! Only to touch His garment.

How unlike her so many are today! They don't even realize that they are ill, spiritually ill and in need of help. They seemingly are satisfied to remain sick and do not go to the trouble of looking for help. Even if they could recognize their illness would they believe in something as simple as touching the garment of One who could cure? In reality, a simple faith in Christ's atoning blood is needed, believing that to turn to Him, He has the power to save. In order to even touch His garment they must come very close to Him, something which the unconverted do not care to do. Oh, if each one would only come close, so close to Him with a sincere longing in the heart to be His, they would also be healed even as this woman.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Faith in Christ will cast out fear and doubt and bring victory.

GOLDEN TEXT: *THY FAITH HATH MADE THEE WHOLE: GO IN PEACE.*

Mark 5:34

God is all powerful. His arm is not shortened. He holds the universe in the palm of His hand. All of this power He has given to His Son. Jesus said: "all power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth". (Matthew 28:18) He also said, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son". (John 14:13) Knowing this, we can understand why so much depends on our faith. If the woman with twelve years of illness had not had faith, she could not have touched His garment, and so would have missed His tender healing.

Individual man also, when he feels the sickness of sin within his heart, must in faith take the steps which will bring him within the healing power of Jesus. When we do this in faith and according to the Word of God, in obedience to His will, we too, can hear the blessed words, "Go in peace."

My faith gives peace and rest to me
And leads me heavenward to Thee,
O Christ, my faith's foundation!
O grant to me true constancy,
That naught may take away from me
This heavenly consolation!
Impress Thou deeply on my soul
What depth of grace can make me whole!

Z.H. 102:1

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF January 14 - 20

M. *Christ, Master of Sickness. Mark 5:25-34

T. *Touched by our Needs. Hebrews 4:9-16

W. Touching the Master. Mark 6:53-56

T. The Touch of God. Daniel 10:2-12

F. The Prophet's Touch. 2 Kings 4:24-37

S. The Apostle's Shadow. Acts 5:12-16

S. The Anointing with Oil. James 5:13-20