

Healing and Resurrection

Scripture: **Luke 8:40–56**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

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Overview

Following his return after having healed a demon-possessed man, Jesus was welcomed by a multitude. In the crowd was a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, who sought out Jesus in an act of desperation. Normally, a man in his position would be skeptical—even antagonistic—toward Jesus, but his twelve-year-old daughter was dying and he was willing to put his faith and trust in Jesus to heal her. He fell down at Jesus’ feet and begged Jesus to come to his house. In a parallel story, on His way to Jairus’s house, Jesus was touched by a woman from among the crowd, who was deemed ceremonially unclean. The woman had tried to be discreet about touching Jesus, but when she saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling and fell at Jesus’ feet, and explained in front of everyone why she had touched Him and how she had been instantly healed. Jesus readily affirmed that her faith had healed her. Soon after, Jesus made His way to Jairus’s house; and even though someone from the house had come to tell Jairus that his daughter was dead, Jesus went into the house and restored the girl to life. As we can see from these two examples of Jesus’ power and compassion, when people put their faith and trust in Jesus, there is real hope for healing and restoration. Because Jesus is our Lord, believers must rely, trust, and rest in Him.

Corroborating Texts

Leviticus 15:25-30; Psalm 50:15; Hebrews 4:15-16; Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 7:49; Luke 8:25

Discussion Questions

1. It may be quite surprising that Jairus would seek out Jesus and go against the social and religious views of his peers—yet he did it anyway. Describe a situation where you’ve had to go against your peers or take a stand on something, especially with regard to your faith.
2. In verse 43, we learned of a woman who was deemed ceremonially unclean by society. In our day, what groups of people might be considered undesirable? Also, if we’re honest with ourselves, do we sometimes view certain people as undesirable? Why do you think that is?
3. In today’s passage, Jesus showed compassion in two different circumstances and showed His power in two different ways. Describe a situation where you have experienced Jesus’ healing power in your life. Did it match your expectation? Also, describe a situation where you haven’t been healed of a particular ailment. Did this impact your faith? If so, how?
4. In what areas of your life are you currently seeking Jesus’ compassion? In what areas are you currently facing uncertainties? Are you governed by fear or worry, or are you trusting in Jesus?