

Christ demonstrates that He is the Resurrection and the Life. This story is included in Matthew 9:18-26, Mark 5:22-43, & Luke 8:41-56. There is no doubt that there is a day of judgement for everyone, Heb. 9:27, but in this case Jesus demonstrates His power over death. Jesus' preaching and teaching changes the eternal destiny of those who believe and obey Him.

1. How do the Greatest go to Heaven?

- a. With Brokenness: Jairus, as identified in Mark and Luke, bows down before Jesus in V18. Jairus was the steward who looked over the synagogue. Jairus has learned that his daughter has died (Mk. 5:35).
 - i. There are a few noteworthy men in the Bible that come to faith in Christ: Jairus, Paul, Nicodemus, Theophilus, Lydia. 1 Cor. 1:26 says that not many wise, mighty, and noble come to Christ. No man comes to Christ with their held high, but rather, in humility begging for mercy.
- b. With Worship: Jairus is bowing down before Jesus. Matthew has established that Jesus is worthy to be worshipped. He is God, Matt. 1:23. Even as a Child, 2:11. By the leper, 8:2. He controls nature, 8:27. Those who are God's possession escape death, Ps. 68:20. He raises us up, Eph. 2:6, those who were dead.
- c. By Faith: V19, Jesus got up and followed Jairus. Jairus didn't announce his name or position in society. Pride in self prevents salvation.

2. How do the Least go to Heaven?

- a. With Brokenness: V20, for twelve years the woman has suffered hemorrhaging. She had spent her life savings and still grew worse (Mk. 5:26). She touched Jesus garment and Jesus called for her to reveal who had touched Him. Mk. 5:33, she was broken and trembling and spoke all that had happened. She was saved, Mk. 5:33-34, Matt. 9:22.
- b. With Worship: Mk. 5:33, the woman fell down before Jesus and worshipped Him. She was desperate and afraid. The word "prospipto" used here is used to describe how demons respond to Christ in fear, Mk. 3:11. Luke 8:28. Peter fell down before Jesus in Luke 5:8. The Philippian Jailer in Acts 16:29 fell down. Jesus is God and judge of all.
- c. By Faith: V22, "your faith has saved you." Jesus calls her "daughter." Jesus explains the means of grace, her faith. Jesus extends grace immediately "at once" she is made well. She is granted peace and healing from her affliction, Mk. 5:33-34, no longer tormented by her sickness and of being an outcast in society but was made clean (Lev. 15:25).

3. Why do People go to Hell? V23, these were professional mourners. V24, they laughed at Christ and His ability and reputation throughout the region of being able to heal. V25, Jesus sends the noisy crowd out.

- a. Not Broken: They went from mourning to laughing at Christ. They were fakes and didn't fear Jesus as He came to the house. We laugh at Christ when we believe in our own goodness.
- b. They Refuse to Worship: Mk. 5:43, Jesus commanded Jairus, his wife, and the girl not to tell anyone. But Matthew's account says the news spread throughout all that land, V26. The fame of Jesus had spread throughout the region, but still men scoffed at Him.
- c. Refused to have Faith in the Son of God: Miracles are not enough. You must believe. Jesus will throw those who will not believe into Hell, Rev. 20:15, Matt. 13:41-42.

Further Discussion and Application

The heart of man is wicked and evil proceeds out of the hearts of man, Mk. 7:20-23. Our tongue is a fire, James 3:6. Our words will be judged, Matt. 12:36. How should we properly revere and honor the Lord? What should our speech reveal about our heart? How do we demonstrate a humbled heart towards the Lord? What evidence displays a changed heart?

For those who continue in unbelief and self-worship a very real searing of the heart takes place in those who continue to practice lawlessness and unrighteousness. Romans 1:24, 26, & 28 speaks of God giving over those to impurity (V24) their dishonorable passions V(26), and an unfit mind (V28). God defines the state of mankind apart from Him in Romans chapter 1 and 3. Why should we take the blessings of God seriously and cherish the truth He has shown to us? Why would someone think lightly of the grace of God? Why would an unbeliever believe that their choices have no consequences? What does the word of God reveal to us in Romans 1:18-20 about those who would reject God's right to receive worship?

In Matthew 9: 18-26, Jairus and his wife experience the power and grace of God to heal their daughter. The woman is saved from her sickness and experiences the power and grace of God in salvation. Their stories are contrasted with the fake mourners and the Jews who would see and affirm the miracles of Jesus, yet still disbelieve. Why must we allow Scripture to define righteousness and holiness? Why must we strive to obey the Words of Christ in Scripture?

Why must we have a holy fear and tremble at the state of our souls if we are not found in Christ? Why is this fear good for the soul and sanctifying? The fate of those in Matthew 9 are certain. The scoffers await their final punishment. Those who humbled themselves enjoy the peace and grace of Christ. How can these simple truths be shared with others to tell them of their future apart from Christ? What is the Gospel message of Jairus and the woman in this passage?