



“Why Do You Weep?”
Mark 5:35-43

Death is not a topic we talk about in polite company. We ignore death, try to cheat death, complain about death. Death happens to all of us, and when it does, we weep over the loss. We think death is unfair, especially when it occurs to the young.

Key Verse. *“But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” (Mark 5:36).*

Mark started this section in chapter 4. Jesus was teaching about faith, and the kingdom of God. Like any good teacher he then gives people a chance to practice faith in real life situations. He calms a storm, casts out a demon, heals a woman and now in a powerful moment is about to raise a girl from the dead. As you read this section, ask yourself the question, “What is my level of faith?”

Read *Mark 5:35-43*. Highlight the words, phrases that stand out to you in this section. What emotions would be expressed in this moment?

Describe the best you can the emotional, physical state of this woman in the crowd. Read *Mark 5:34-35*. How are you feeling, what are you thinking if you are Jairus at this moment?

Mark 5:36 Jairus gets the words that no parent wants to hear, “your daughter is dead.” How are you now feeling about trusting Jesus to help you? Has there been a time when you asked God for help, and you feel he failed you?

Read *1 Corinthians 15:50-57* and *John 11:23-26*. What do these verses teach about Jesus’ power over life and death? How does my life reflect the truth contained in these verses?

John 14:1-7 gives me the promise that Jesus is preparing a place for me. That gives me hope. How can this assurance by Jesus encourage me in my moments of distress?

Some believe God is the heartless tyrant who looks down us in contempt. Read *John 11:33-35* and *Lamentations 3:19-24*. What do these verses teach about God’s heart towards me? How should this encourage me when I am in distress?

Jesus speaks to the girl with such care and tenderness at the end, “Little girl, get up and eat something.” Can you take a moment and thank God for the compassion he shows to you?

THIS WEEK:

- Is there a place of sorrow in my life I need to ask Jesus to step in and heal?
- To whom can I offer the comfort of Jesus this week?