

Jesus, The Source of our Assurance

Mark 5:21-43

I. As we have been studying through Marks Gospel, time and again we have seen the authority Jesus demonstrated through the miracles He performed.

1. Mark has shown Jesus' authority over the Physical realm

Mark 1:30,31 - Peters mother-in-law is healed

Mark 2:1-12 - The Paralytic is healed

2. Mark has shown Jesus' authority over the Spiritual realm

Mark 1:23-26 - Heals the man with the unclean spirit in the synagogue

Mark 1:34,39 - Jesus was casting out many demons

II. Mark has also demonstrated Jesus' authority over sin.

1. **Mark 1:12,13** - Jesus overcomes the temptation of Satan.

2. **Mark 2:5,10** - Jesus reveals His authority to forgive sins.

III The recounting of these events have a threefold purpose.

1. **They show who Jesus really is.**

2. **They stir a desire to follow Him.**

3. **They help us to know the one we follow.**

IV. In the end, **All that Jesus said and did provides the surety we need to trust and follow Him our entire lives.**

V. Most recently Mark has demonstrated two areas over which Jesus has authority.

1. **Mark 4:35-41** - Over the physical realm when He calmed the wind and seas.

2. **Mark 5:1-20** - Over the spiritual realm when Jesus heals the man possessed by Legion

VI. Mark is now going to reveal another area over which Jesus has authority.

1. **Mark 5:21-34**

2. In this miracle Mark demonstrates the authority Jesus has over life and death.

3. Demonstrating that Jesus has authority over all things pertaining to our lives.

VII. With this in mind let's look into our text under consideration.

Trans: As we begin we are introduced to one who has come seeking Jesus' help. This is our first point.

1. The plea of Jairus

A. Mark 5:21-24

B. After leaving the country of the Gerasenes Jesus crosses back over to the area of Capernaum.

C. While there a man by the name of Jairus approaches Him.

1. Jairus is a synagogue official.

a. He is one of the elders who manages the affairs of the synagogue.

b. As such he was a prominent figure.

2. As Jairus approaches Jesus he demonstrates his belief in Jesus' abilities

a. He falls at His feet

b. He was entreating Him, that He might help his daughter

c. He asks Jesus to come and lay his hands on her that she might be healed.

- d. These actions seem to show that Jairus knows what Jesus can do.
- e. It's possible he was at one of Jesus' previous healings,

Mark 1:21

Mark 3:1

3. Without question Jairus believes that Jesus can heal his sick daughter.

D. Jesus responds to Jairus' plea by going with him.

- 1. Jesus' didn't hesitate in going with Jairus
 - a. Jesus saw this as an opportunity to demonstrate His authority once again.
 - b. He was also a compassionate man and saw Jairus' grief over his only daughter, **Luke 8:41,42**

2. It was not only Jesus and Jairus that went but a great multitude followed as well.

3. Along the way Jesus encounters the woman with the issue of blood and heals her.

Appl: As we consider this encounter Jesus has with Jairus we see an example of faith demonstrated by Jairus' actions.

Without question Jairus was aware of what Jesus could do and so He went to Him pleading for the life of His only daughter.

Trans: As Jesus heads to Jairus' house He is going to display an authority we have not seen before. This is our second point.

2. Jesus' Authority Over Life and Death

A. Mark 5:35-43

B. It seems that the encounter Jesus had with the woman with the issue of blood delayed Him in getting to the sick girl.

C. While He is still speaking certain individuals come from Jairus' house with some bad news. They tell him that his daughter has died.

D. They also ask "why trouble the teacher anymore"

- 1. The interrogative form of the remark not only shows that these people see no need to bother Jesus, but that Jairus thought the same.

E. Jesus overhears what has been said but ignores it.

- 1. In the original language this word "overhears" has two meanings
- 2. The first is to hear, the second is to not heed what is heard.
- 3. **Matt. 18:17**

F. Jesus tells Jairus not to be afraid but to believe. Jairus needs to keep doing what brought Him to Jesus in the first place. BELIEVE!

G. Jairus heeds Jesus' words and when they get to his house there is a great commotion going on.

- 1. Matthew states it was a disorderly scene, **Matt. 9:23**
- 2. These were professional mourners with the flute players

H. Jesus wants to know why they are making this commotion since Jairus' daughter is only sleeping. These professional mourners laugh at Him in a scornful way, **Luke 8:53**

1. In their laughing they show they misunderstand Jesus.
2. Jesus was not saying that she was sleeping as in she will wake up from her nights rest.
3. He was using sleep as a euphemism for death,

John 11:11-13

1Thess. 4:13-15

4. Yes this young lady was dead but it was merely like a sleep.
5. Her body no longer housed her spirit but she was still alive.

Eccl. 12:7

Luke 8:55

Mark 12:26,27

I. After entering the room where Jairus' daughter is Jesus takes her by the hand and says, "Talitha Kum" With this the little girl immediately rises and begins to walk and the people were astounded.

J. Jesus then tells them to give her something to eat. Once again showing His compassion.

Appl: It is interesting to think that when Jairus approached Jesus he did so believing that Jesus could heal his daughter. But once he found out his daughter had died his faith wained.

These people were still unclear as to who Jesus truly was. It seems that many just saw Him as one who could heal, by the power of God, but they did not recognize Him as the Son of God, their Savior.

In this miracle Jesus shows that His authority extends beyond even He grave. He has the power to bring someone back from the dead.

Con: As we consider what Jesus did in this situation it should give us the greatest of hope.

Jesus demonstrated time and again that we have reason to trust Him.

Now He has shown us His authority over life and death and this provides the assurance we need to know that He can give us that eternal life He has promised.

Rom 1:3,4

1Peter 1:3

In the gospel of Mark Jesus has continually demonstrated his authority.

His authority of the physical realm

His authority over the spiritual realm

His authority over sin.

His authority over life and death

The things Jesus said and did provide the certainty we need to trust and follow Him our entire lives.