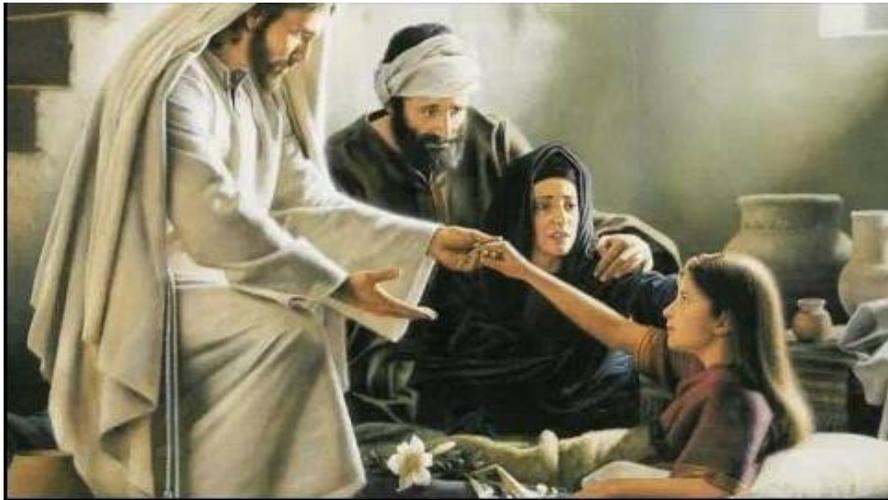


Sunday 27th June 2021

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

"Don't be afraid; just believe."



Today's Gospel reading: Mark 5: 21-43

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to St Mark
Glory to you, O Lord

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered round him; and he was by the lake. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, 'My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.' So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, 'If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.' Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' And his disciples said to him, 'You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, "who touched me?"' He looked all round to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.' While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, 'Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?' But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, 'Do not fear, only believe.' He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, 'Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed

at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha cum', which means, 'Little girl, get up!' And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Two stories in one today! Two people healed by Jesus, lots of amazed people and plenty for us to think about and to learn about Jesus - but we are going to concentrate on the main story about Jairus, the synagogue leader, and his little girl.

We read that Jairus's daughter was very sick and her family were afraid she was going to die. Like all parents with a sick child, Jairus would have done anything to help her get well and, as an official in the synagogue, he had heard about Jesus healing people and naturally went to ask for his help. Let's think about how Jairus would have felt as the story unfolds. He must have been very worried and afraid when he came to Jesus.

🤔 Do you think Jesus made Jairus feel that he was being a nuisance, asking for his help?

No! What's more, we're told that Jesus didn't hang about! He could see the urgency and went with Jairus straightaway.

🤔 How do you think Jairus would have felt when Jesus stopped to search for a woman in the crowd who had touched his cloak in order to receive healing?

He might have thought it was terrible timing! Perhaps he was impatient with Jesus's concern for the woman instead of hurrying to see his daughter?

🤔 How about when the message came from Jairus's home that his daughter had died?

Jairus must have felt despair. It was too late now for Jesus to help..... or was it?

🤔 Did Jesus pay any attention to what the messengers said? What did he say?

No he didn't. He turned to Jairus and said, "Do not fear, only believe".

🤔 When they arrived at Jairus's house, what did they find happening?

The ritual wailing that occurred at the time of a death in that culture was already underway and there was great confusion. Jesus cut through all the noise and confusion by telling the mourners that the child was only sleeping - and they laughed at him.

How do you think Jairus felt then? That Jesus was wrong? Confused? Fearful?

Or do you think he still believed, as Jesus had told him to, and felt hopeful?

🤔 Why do you think Jesus made everyone apart from the girl's parents and his three disciples go outside?

Jesus could do without those who were mocking and disbelieving - he wanted those around him who truly believed in what he was doing.

🤔 Did Jesus use lots of words when he prayed over the little girl?

No, he simply told her to get up! "Talitha, cum" "Little girl, get up".

We're told that she did get up - at once - and started walking around. Mark gives us these practical details in his writing and makes the scene come alive - just like the little girl! We are not told her name, but we are told that she was 12 years old and that Jesus, ever aware of people's needs, realised she must be hungry! When children have been poorly then start to feel better, the first thing they usually want is something to eat! Jesus knew this!

😊 How do you think Jairus and his wife felt now? How about the little girl, when she was told what had happened?

Relieved, happy, overwhelmed with gratitude to Jesus? We're not told specifically, other than that they were amazed, but I expect they would often have thought of Jesus's words, "Don't be afraid, just believe" and we can think often of those words too.

This story teaches us that, with God, all things are possible. Jairus's daughter was dead - the situation seemed hopeless - but Jesus said, "Don't be afraid, just believe". When we face what seems to be a hopeless situation, we need to remember those words of Jesus - "just believe". If we can trust and have faith, all things are possible!

🙏 A prayer for this week:

Heavenly Father, we are thankful for the love that you have for all your children. Help us, to remember that all things are possible if we only believe and trust in you.
In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

Below are some puzzles and colourings to go with this story:

Jesus Raises a Dead Girl

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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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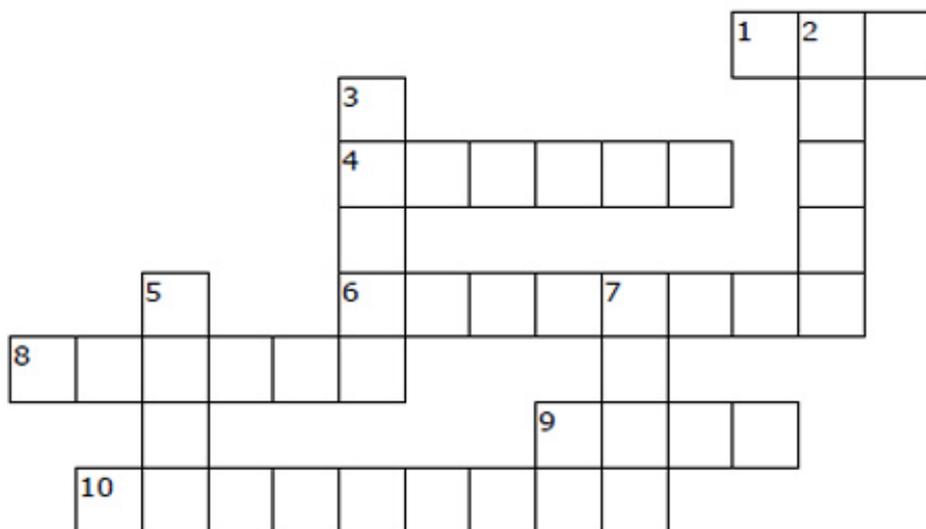
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CRYING	BELIEVE	DAUGHTER	HEALED	ASLEEP
AFRAID	STOOD	LAUGHED	WALKED	DYING

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Puzzle is based on Mark 5:35-43



ACROSS

1. To shed tears; to be tearful
4. To be filled with fear
6. A female offspring
8. A ruler in the synagogue who had a daughter who was dying
9. Taking steps with the feet
10. To accept something as being true

DOWN

2. A leader or someone who governs
3. The part of the human body used for grasping and holding
5. To be alive; exist
7. To make someone well; restore to health

WALK	DAUGHTER	AFRAID	HANDS	JARIUS
LIVE	BELIEVE	RULER	CRY	HEAL

Name: _____

Date: _____

Jairus' Daughter

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