

## **Jesus and the dead girl (Mark 5)**

There was a man called Jairus. He was a well-known man with an important job at the synagogue. The synagogue is the place where the Jewish people, the people in the land of Israel, went to learn about God.

One day, his little girl became sick. She was very, very sick and Jairus was really worried about her.

As he sat by her bed he wondered what he could do. He remembered hearing about an amazing man called Jesus and he said to himself,

"I'm sure Jesus could help my little girl. I'll go and find Jesus and ask him."

So, he hurried off to look for Jesus and he found him beside the big lake. Jesus was talking to a great crowd of people as usual. Jairus pushed his way to the front of the crowd and knelt down in front of Jesus.

Jairus said, "My little girl is very sick and I'm afraid she might die. Please come and make her well again."

Jesus said, "Don't worry, Jairus, I'll come."

Jairus was so relieved; he was sure that Jesus would be able to help. He had heard about how Jesus had healed people of all sorts of illnesses.

Lots of people wanted to see Jesus and Jesus stopped to talk to other people. Jairus was worried it was going to take a long time to get home to his daughter.

Then some men came from Jairus' house and said, "It's no use bothering Jesus now, your little girl is dead". Jairus was very, very sad.

But Jesus heard what the men said and he turned to Jairus and said, "Don't be afraid; just believe." Jairus took Jesus to his house.

When they got close they could hear people crying and wailing and making a lot of noise. They were all very sad. The whole town seemed to have gathered there to show the family how sad they were for them.

Jesus sent everyone out of the house except three of his disciples, Peter, James and John and the girl's Mum and Dad.

Jesus went to where the girl lay and he took her by the hand and said, "Little girl, get up!"

The girl opened her eyes and sat up. She stood up and walked around. Imagine how happy Jairus and his wife were. They were amazed and happy and probably hugging each other and their daughter.

Jesus said, "She's hungry, give her something to eat." She really was completely well again.