

Mark 5:22-23

And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live."

There are a few things I want us to look at today.

First, who was **Jairus**? Well he was **one of the rulers of the synagogue**.

Great, then why was he coming to see Jesus? Oh, that's easy Steve, because his **little daughter lies at the point of death**.

You are all too smart. Final question, what did he want Jesus to do? He wanted Jesus to **Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live**.

So Jairus had a sick daughter who was on her deathbed. And we know in the bible that everyone went to Jesus who had a need, especially one as severe as this one.

But actually, not everyone. Some were afraid of the Jewish leadership, because they would cast anyone out of the synagogue who believed in Jesus.

† **John 9:22** *His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.*

But here we read of not just someone who was willing to be disobedient to this regulation, but he was also one who very likely helped to determine that regulation. Simply Jairus was now breaking his own law that he helped to dictate and enforce. Jairus may have very likely done all that he could to get his daughter healed by spending all he had with doctors to get her healed, and he may have even gone to his brothers in the synagogue to pray for her. But it all came to no effect, and he was at the end of his rope looking for an answer or cure for his daughter's sickness.

So, in one last ditched effort he's probably thinking that what else does he have to lose. So he goes to Jesus, to ask Him to heal her. But not only that but is willingly and openly wanting this Jesus, who he originally considered an outcast, to come to his home.

You can read the results in the rest of Mark chapter 5, as Jesus not only heals her, but by the time they get to Jairus' house, she had died and Jesus rose her from the dead.

Maybe you know someone who is like a Jairus. Someone who rejects Jesus and anything to do with Him and Christianity. Someone who would rather go to hell than step foot in a church, let alone listen to what you have to tell them about Jesus.

Like Jairus, it may be time to stop telling them about Jesus and pray that they would have a Jairus experience. One that brings them to their knees to the point that Jesus is their last ditched effort, and only by them coming to Jesus seeking His help, can they truly believe in Jesus.

Pray the Father's will be done in their lives that they would believe.

† **John 9:2-3** *2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him."*