

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sermon: The Great Physician

**Passage: Luke 8:40-56 (ESV)**

Illustration:

Need: The deity of Jesus is witnessed by his power and authority over disease and death.

### **I. An Urgent Request (8:40-42)**

- Synagogue rulers were laymen who organized the services and cleaned and maintained the building.
- Jairus would have been a well known pastoral figure in the community. He may have been a Pharisee.
- Falling at Jesus feet demonstrated his desperation and submissive faith in Jesus' ability to heal.
- At 12 years this daughter would be considered old enough to marry.

### **II. An Untimely Interruption (8:43-48)**

- This poor woman had suffered for the entire span of Jairus's daughters life 12 years.
- Her condition caused her much discomfort, embarrassment, inconvenience, perpetual ritual uncleanness, isolation & separation, rejection & ridicule, financial ruin, and pain.
- Her faith in Jesus' ability to heal led her to risk being in the crowd needing only to touch his garment.
- Like the winds and waves, her healing was immediate, gone, restored!
- Jesus was not calling the woman down but celebrating her faith and embracing her in love as His own.
- This exchange was no doubt a great frustration for Jairus. Precious time his daughter did not have.

### **III. An Impossible Suggestion (8:49-56)**

- The expectation was that Jesus could heal the daughter of her sickness but now she was dead so there was no more hope for her or reason to trouble Jesus.
- Jesus speaks to the impossible with words of hope, "Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well."
- As with the storm & the broken woman, at the touch & word of Christ, "at once" the dead girl got up.
- Jesus did not want His miracles to steal the focus from His message.

### **IV. Lessons & Principles**

- Jesus, the God-man, God the Son, has absolute power and authority over all disease and death.
- The primary purpose for Jesus's miracles was to authenticate His message & fulfill His identity.
- Teaching that Jesus will always heal us physically if we just have enough faith is false doctrine.
- The Christian's hope is in the resurrection when all sickness will be removed and death will be no more.
- God cares deeply for those that are rejected & ignored (outcasts, broken, useless).
- The Word of God is sure no matter how impossible the situation may be and God's timing is always right.
- Luke 8 is a beautiful reminder of just how important women are to their creator and LORD and His work.

### **V. Life Application**

- God's timing can be frustrating but it is always right. Embrace the interruptions He brings your way.
- For some, your secret faith and God's work needs to be fanned and your story communicated.
- For others, your frustrated faith needs to be strengthened, grounded and calmed. God is still God.
- For everyone, we need to hear the words of our LORD, "Do not fear; only believe. Trust Me."