

The Miracles of Jesus
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Miracle: "A Happening with Which Human Reasoning Has Yet To Catch Up."

-Dr. William Augustus Jones

Miracle #15 – Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter to Life

Matthew 9:18, 23-26; Mark 5:21-24, 35-43; **Luke 8:40-42, 49-56**

- **Luke 8:40-42**

Jairus was a ruler of the Synagogue. As ruler, he was President of the 3 member governing council of the Synagogue. He was well-educated, highly respected and often sought after for advice. He evaluated the competence of those invited to read the Scriptures and address the people. He also ran the financial affairs of the synagogue and was responsible for ensuring correct behavior at worship. He wasn't a priest/preacher.

- **Romans 10:14-15**

The man had one daughter who was 12 years old. Significant of her age is that she was one year less than the required age for marriage which was 13 years. Her death just before the experience of becoming a wife and mother adds to the sense of tragedy that Luke conveys.

- **Luke 8:49-54**

By the time Jesus was ready to move on to Jairus house, messengers came to them and reported that his daughter had died. But Jesus told Jairus not to fear but "only believe and she would be made well."

When they arrived, they discovered that mourners had already filled the house. They ridiculed and laughed at Jesus when He told them the girl was not dead but "sleeping." Jesus took His inner circle – Peter, James and John and with the girl's parents, He went into the room and called her back to life.

- **I Thessalonians 4:13-14**

- **Luke 8:55-56**

When Jesus restored life to this 12 year old girl's dead body, He was proving that God, in Jesus Christ, controls both death and life. The parents were amazed when Jesus told them to get her something to eat. The woman with the issue of blood suffered for 12 years. The daughter of Jairus was 12 years old. God, and God alone, is the giver and sustainer of life.