



Mark 5:21-43

- 1) What does Jairus expect Jesus to do for him? What does Jesus actually do for him?
- 2) For what response does Jesus commend the woman with incurable bleeding?
- 3) The order in which Mark has related these two events is interesting. He first talks about Jairus and his daughter (21-24), then about the woman with the incurable bleeding (25-34), and finishes with Jairus and his daughter again (35-43).

Why do you think Mark has done this?

Might one story be more important than the other?

Might one story even help us understand the other?

(Note: Mark has done something like this before. In 3:20,21 he mentioned Jesus' family, then spoke about Jesus defeating the strong man in 3:22-30, but finished by speaking about Jesus' family again in 3:31-34.)

- 4) What similarities are there between Jairus' response to Jesus and the woman's?
- 5) How do their responses compare with the response of the disciples in Mark 4:40,41?
- 6) Has Mark taught us anything new about Jesus in this passage, or about how we ought to respond to Him?