



Jesus heals Jairus's daughter

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Lord Jesus Christ has power over sickness and death.

You must have experienced doctors taking your pulse and listening to your heartbeat at the hospital. These are vital signs of life. Death on the other hand is easy to diagnose. If death is uncertain, lack of pulse, breath or heartbeat will usually suffice – here usually pronounced by a doctor or nurse.

We read in the Bible that many people gathered around Jesus to hear the Word of God. There were old and young, rich and poor; some were sick and others just wanted to be with his company. A man named Jairus was also in the crowd. He was in tears because his twelve-year-old daughter was so sick and was about to die. Jairus came because he knew Jesus could heal his daughter. Jairus was an important synagogue official, respected by all, but when he came to Jesus he knew that Jesus was more important and worthy of his respect. It took great humility for a synagogue official to fall at Jesus' feet and beg for his help.

Jairus pleaded with Jesus to visit his home and place his hands on his daughter so that she could be well again! Moved by compassion, Jesus immediately went with Jairus. When he

saw the girl lying lifeless, he took her by the hand and said, '*Little girl, I say to you, get up!*' (Mark 5:41).

Guess what! The little girl immediately got up and began to walk around. The people were astonished. Jesus brought a dead girl to life. Jesus could do anything!

When we come to God in prayer it is important that we acknowledge God's holiness and dominion. One way we can show him honour and respect is to pray on our knees or even flat on our stomachs. Bowing down before God shows him great honour. Being prostrate means, we adore God in all its fullness.

Jairus truly believed that Jesus could heal his dying daughter. When a person believes God can do something, it is faith. Faith pleases God! When we are in a very difficult situation we should always come to Jesus and pray, believing Jesus can help us. Jesus always hears and answers our prayers no matter how big or small we feel our need is ◦