

Jairus's Daughter is Raised

Luke 8:49 While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."

The healing of the woman with the issue of blood probably did not delay Jesus very long, but it was long enough for a messenger to arrive with the news that Jairus' **daughter** was **dead**, and that therefore the Teacher's services would no longer be needed. 12

There was faith that He could heal, but none that He could raise the dead.22

Luke 8:50 But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well."

Jesus, however, would not be dismissed so easily. He **answered** with words of comfort, encouragement, and promise. "**Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.**"

Luke 8:51 When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl.

Jesus took only the parents and Peter, James, and John into the house. He preserved the sanctity of the home by not parading twelve men into this private place.

Luke 8:52 Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." :53 And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. 3

The little girl was really dead, but the death of a believer's body may outwardly be likened to sleep, which it resembles (cf. Jn 11:11-14; 1 Cor 11:30; 1 Thess 4:13-14). 13

The Bible teaches no such doctrine as "soul sleep" as do some. At death, an individual's soul is either consciously (1) with the Lord (2 Cor 5:8; Phil 1:21-23), 23

or (2) in torment in hades awaiting the final resurrection to death (Lk 16:23).33

Luke 8:54 But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise."

Luke 8:55 Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. **What are your thought on the spirit returning?**

Luke 8:56 And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

After restoring her to her parents, Jesus told them not to publicize the miracle. He was not interested in notoriety, in fickle public enthusiasm, in idle curiosity.12

Thus ends the second year of Jesus' public ministry. Chapter 9 opens the third year with the sending forth of the twelve.22

The Son of Man Sends Forth His Disciples (9:1-11)

Luke 9:1 Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. 2

Christ granted His twelve disciples power and prerogatives over demons and sickness. 12

The purpose of this was to place a divine seal of approval upon their message as well as to meet the needs of people.22

Luke 9:2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

Luke 9:3 And He said to them, "Take nothing for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor money; and do not have two tunics apiece. :4 "Whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. :5 And whoever will not receive you, when you go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet as a testimony against them."

Now the disciples would have an opportunity to practice the principles which the Lord had taught them.

They were to trust Him for the supply of their material needs—no **bag**, food, or **money**.

They were to live very simply—no extra staff or extra tunic.

They were to **stay** in the first **house** where they were made welcome—no moving around in hopes of obtaining more comfortable lodging.

They were not to prolong their stay or exert pressure on those who rejected the message, but were instructed to **shake off the very dust from their feet as a testimony against them**.

Luke 9:6 So they departed and went through the towns, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

It was presumably in **the towns** of Galilee that the disciples preached **the gospel** and healed the sick. It should be mentioned that their message had to do with the kingdom—the announcement of the King’s presence in their midst and His willingness to reign over a repentant people.

Luke 9:7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by Him; and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead, 3

Herod Antipas was **tetrarch** in Galilee and Perea at this time. He reigned over one-fourth of the territory included in his father, Herod the Great’s, kingdom. 13

Word reached him that Someone was performing mighty miracles in his territory. Immediately his conscience began raising questions. 23

The memory of **John** the Baptist still troubled him. Herod had silenced that fearless voice by beheading John, but he was still haunted by the power of that life. 33

Luke 9:8 and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets had risen again. :9 Herod said, “John I have beheaded, but who is this of whom I hear such things?” So he sought to see Him. 4

Others guessed that it was **Elijah** or **one of the other prophets** of the OT. 14

Herod tried to quell his anxiety by reminding others that he had **beheaded** the Baptizer. But the fear remained. 24

The power of a Spirit-filled life! The Lord Jesus, the obscure Carpenter of Nazareth, caused Herod to tremble without ever having met Him. 34

Never underestimate the influence of a person full of the Holy Spirit! 44

Luke 9:10 And the apostles, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done. Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida. 4

When **the apostles ... had returned**, they reported the results of their mission directly to the Lord Jesus. Perhaps this would be a good policy for all Christian workers. 14

Too often the publicizing of work leads to jealousy and division. 24

G. Campbell Morgan comments that “our passion for statistics is self-centered, and of the flesh, and not of the Spirit.” What are your thoughts? 34

Our Lord **took** the disciples **to a deserted place** adjoining **Bethsaida** (*house of fishing*). It seems that there were two Bethsaidas at this time, one on the west side of the Sea of Galilee and this one on the east. The exact location is unknown. 44