

THE COMPASSION AND POWER OF JESUS

--MARK 5:21-43--

INTRODUCTION:

We have been looking at a series of events in the life of Jesus that reveal His power as the Creator of the universe. In this passage of Scripture for this morning it highlights not only the Lord's incomparable power, but it also displays His great compassion for mankind. His compassion is seen in His mercy, His gentleness, His sensitivity, and in His loving-kindness. In this passage we will see the greatness of His miraculous power placed alongside His compassionate goodness seen in His personal ministry. Not only did the Son of God have the supernatural power to heal and give life, which only the Creator possesses, but He also had the desire to do so. We will see His compassion for people, especially hurting people, unfold before us this morning.

I. COMPASSION INTRODUCED (Mark 5:21-24)

- a. Jesus Christ was _____ any other religious leader of His day.
- b. Jesus and His disciples were again sailing across the Sea of Galilee, Jesus had just cast out the "legion" of _____ from the man in the mostly Gentile region of the Geresenes.
- c. This account of Mark's focuses on two individuals out of the massive multitude who desperately _____ Jesus.
- d. The first to seek out Jesus was the synagogue _____, a man named Jairus.
- e. Making his way through that crowd on the seashore he came up to Jesus and when he saw Him, he _____ at His feet.
- f. We learn later in this passage that Jairus's little _____ is twelve years old, which according to Jewish custom meant that she had just entered the first year of womanhood.
- g. Here was a man grieving, but hopeful as he boldly seeks out Jesus by _____.
- h. Jesus Christ faced many demands in His earthly ministry, yet the Creator walked with people and showed compassion by being _____ to them and _____ to them.

II. COMPASSIONATE POWER EXPERIENCED (Mark 5:25-34)

- a. As Jairus led Jesus through the streets of Capernaum toward his house imagine the _____ that filled his heart.
- b. We are not told the cause of this hemorrhage of blood that this woman _____.
- c. But being in Capernaum she had heard about _____, and she determined that she would find Him.
- d. Jesus' compassion for this woman went beyond her _____ healing.
- e. For the past twelve years this woman had faced the _____ of embarrassment and rejection.
- f. The Gospels often use *sōzō* to demonstrate a connection between a person's _____ and their salvation.
- g. Out of compassion for this woman, both for her physical healing but more importantly for her salvation, Jesus was willing to be _____ on His way to the house of Jairus.

III. COMPASSION BRINGS PEACE (Mark 5:35-40)

- a. We do not know how _____ Jesus spent ministering to this woman. However long it was it was long enough that messengers came from the house of Jairus before Jesus was done.
- b. They told Jairus the heartbreaking news that his daughter had _____.
- c. Jesus having heard what was spoken by the messengers spoke _____ to Jairus.
- d. Leaving the crowd behind with some of the disciples, not permitting them to follow Him; Jesus, Jairus, Peter, James, and John _____ on to the home of Jairus.
- e. Entering the house, the scene was chaotic, loud, and _____.
- f. When the mourners and musicians heard what Jesus said, missing His true intent, they began _____ at Him.

IV. COMPASSIONATE POWER UNLEASHED (Mark 5:41-43)

- a. Jesus had already shown His _____ to Jairus in several different ways.
- b. The Lord Jesus, who was always characterized by compassion toward people demonstrated tender sensitivity in His _____ of this young lady and her family.
- c. The words spoken; the miraculous _____ of the Creator God was unleashed.
- d. In the midst of the celebration Jesus gave strict orders that no one should _____ about this, and that they should give the girl something to _____.
- e. Mark's recording of these two miracles highlights both the divine _____ and the tender _____ of Jesus Christ.

CONCLUSION:

Mark says that He gave them strict orders that they were not to tell others what happened. He gave other commands like this on other occasions too. Why did He do this? Jesus insisted on silence because He knew the report would heighten the fanatical enthusiasm of the crowds, which would only hinder His ministry. On other occasions, it was an act of judgment to obscure truth from those who had permanently rejected Him. But these are not the main reasons Jesus gave strict orders to keep silent. Mark 8:30-31 reveals the primary reason, "*And He warned them to tell no one about Him. And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.*" (Mark 8:30–31, NASB95) Jesus Christ knew that His earthly mission would not be complete until after His death and resurrection. He insisted on silence because the story was not yet finished.

The full message about Jesus must include the fact that He is the crucified and risen Savior. Jesus knew that a miracle like the resurrection of Jairus's daughter could only be appreciated in light of the cross and the empty tomb. It was the Lord's own victory over sin and death that enabled Him not only to give temporary life to a dead girl but to offer eternal life to all those who believe in Him. Your faith has saved you, go in peace knowing that you are reconciled to God.