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THE MIRACLES OF JESUS CHRIST

MIRACLE SIXTEEN: Raising Jairus' Daughter (Mt. 9:18-19, 23-26; Mk. 5:22-24, 35-43; Lk. 8:41-42, 49-56)

SURVEY

At Jairus' request, Jesus agrees to minister to his dying daughter, but the father is told en route that she was already dead. Ignoring this bad news Jesus comforts him, and, entering the little girl's room, raises her up!

SIGNIFICANCE

- There are three "firsts" associated with this miracle:
 1. It is the first time in human history that a female was raised from the dead.
 2. It is the first mention of that special apostolic trio, Peter, James and John. They would be singled out again:
 - a. On the Mount of Transfiguration (Mt. 17:1)
 - b. In the Garden of Gethsemane (Mk. 14:33)
 3. It is the first time the word "sleep" is used to describe the death of a believer. After this, its employment will become very familiar:
 - a. Concerning the death of Lazarus:

"These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep" (Jn. 11:11).
 - b. Concerning an event after the death of Christ:

"And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose" (Mt. 27:52).
 - c. Concerning the martyrdom of Stephen:

"And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep" (Acts 7:60).
 - d. Concerning the bodies of departed believers at the present time:

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him" (1 Thess. 5:9-10).
 - e. Concerning the Rapture:

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him" (1 Thess. 4:14).

SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

- Note the pessimistic statement from the officiating clergyman on that occasion:

"While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?" (Mk. 5:35)

Wrong. This is precisely the time for a believer to *"trouble ... the Master."* As the song admonishes:

*Got any rivers you think are uncrossable?
Got any mountains you can't tunnel through?
God specializes in things thought impossible.
What He's done for others, He'll do for you!*

- This pessimism would later be heard, this time by a crowd at Jericho in regard to the cry of blind Bartimaeus:

"And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me... And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way." (Mk. 10:47-48, 52)