

Not Dead, But Asleep

Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

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²¹ When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³ He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." 24 So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him.

(v25-34 Jesus Heals the Bleeding Woman)



Mark 5:35-39

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"

³⁶ Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

³⁷ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep."



Mark 5:40-43

⁴⁰ But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!").

⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.





"I need to just accept this, right?"

"Is this it?"

"Is this how it ends?"

"Is it all over?"

"This is just how life is."

Mark 5:22-23

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Begin with humble desperation.

"Please come and put your hands on her..." (Mark 5:23)

Mark 5:35-36

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Keep on trusting. Jesus invites us to "bother" him.

"Don't be afraid; just believe." (Mark 5:36)

Mark 5:37-40

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Things are not as they appear. This story isn't over.

"Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." (Mark 5:39)

Mark 5:40-42

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(*remez* = hint/clue)



Isaiah 51:17-18

17 Awake, awake!
Rise up, Jerusalem,
you who have drunk from the hand
of the Lord the cup of his wrath,
you who have drained to its dregs
the goblet that makes people
stagger.

18 Among all the children she bore there was none to guide her; among all the children she reared there was none to take her by the hand.

Isaiah 52:1-2

Awake, awake, Zion,
 clothe yourself with strength!

 Put on your garments of splendor,
 Jerusalem, the holy city.

 The uncircumcised and defiled
 will not enter you again.

 Shake off your dust;
 rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem.

 Free yourself from the chains on
 your neck,

Daughter Zion, now a captive.



Isaiah 53:1-6

¹Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot,
and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces,

He was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

⁴ Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,

he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.



" _____ isn't dead, only asleep."

Jesus declares the story isn't over.

Mark 5:42

⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished.

(ekstasis)

⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this...

Mark 16:8

(ekstasis)

⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

(Gospel of Mark Original Ending)

