

Jesus Ignores Our “Reality” To Give Us New Life

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 Mark 5:21-42

1. How big a “reality” is death and death-like experiences in our existence?
2. Death is not _____ reality for us.
3. Good news for today: Our stubborn Savior, Jesus _____ our “reality” to give us new life.
4. Mark 5:21-42. Jesus ignores our “reality” of death to raise a little girl from the dead. Notes on how Pastor Steve taught this account:
 - *Jairus, fell at Jesus’ feet. 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.” Mark 5:23*
 - *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?” Mark 5:35.*
 - ***Ignoring** what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.” Mark 5:36*
 - *Jesus went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” But **they laughed at him**. Mark 5:39-40a.*
 - ***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. Mark 5:40b*
 - *Then **Jesus took her by the hand** and said to her, “Talitha koum!” (which means “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”) Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). Mark 5:41-42a*

- At this **they were completely astonished**. Mark 5:42b

5. What is a death or death-like “reality” in your life that seems certain, permanent, ever-present, or overwhelming?

6. Next Step:

- _____ that Jesus ignores your death and death-like “realities” to give you new life.

- Followers of Jesus trust in God’s greater reality expressed in this Bible passage written by the Apostle Paul:

*From now on we regard no one **from a worldly point of view**. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. **The old has gone, the new is here!***

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

- When you feel crushed by death or death-like “realities”, you are invited to pray this “**New Life Prayer**” to help you trust that Jesus ignores your “reality” to give you new life.

My Savior Jesus, help me trust that I am a new creation and that the old death and death-like “realities” in my life are not your reality for me. Help me to ignore the seeming certainty and permanence of these old “realities” and to live in the new life you have for me. I am in you and you have made me a new creation, the old has gone and the new is here. I trust in you, Jesus. Amen.