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New Testament 2 Jesus Shows He Is True God

Law/Gospel

Because of my sin, I fall short of the glory of God and deserve only death, the required price for sin.

Jesus, the God-man, is life.

Victorious over sin, death, and the grave, He forgives my sins and gives me life eternal through His Word and Sacraments.

Bible Words

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

Quotable

"Only by faith does one grasp the mystery that salvation in all its ramifications comes through Jesus, God made flesh. . . . Faith is the means by which *anyone* now may enter the family of Jesus ([Luke] 8:19–21). Essentially, this is the same word Jesus spoke to Jairus: 'Do not fear, only believe, and she will be saved' (8:50). To believe in the possibility of resurrection for his daughter takes faith. But . . . the greatest act of faith is to believe that [our] own eternal resurrection depends on the bodily resurrection of Jesus."

Arthur A. Just Jr., *Luke 1:1–9:50*, Concordia Commentary, pp. 373–74, copyright © 1996 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved.

Jesus Heals Jairus's Daughter

Mark 5:21–24, 35–43

Jairus was one of the rulers of a synagogue, probably in Capernaum. Synagogue rulers kept order, cared for the facility, oversaw instruction of young people and worship, read the Scriptures aloud, and taught or recruited others to do so.

Jairus and a large crowd met Jesus when He returned to Capernaum after a short trip. Falling at Jesus' feet, Jairus implored Jesus to come to his home because his twelve-year-old daughter was dying. Jesus agreed.

The crowd impeded their progress. Jesus delayed to heal and interact with a woman who had hemorrhaged for twelve years. We can only imagine Jairus's anxious waiting. His worst fears materialized when messengers from his home said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" (Mark 5:35).

Overhearing, Jesus said, "Do not fear, only believe" (v. 36).

Jesus made the crowd stay and went to Jairus's house with only Jairus, Peter, James, and John. Upon their arrival, Jesus saw a loud commotion. People wept and wailed loudly. Jesus asked why they wept. He said the girl was not dead, but sleeping.

Jesus knew the little girl was dead, but it is as easy for Him to raise the dead as it is to rouse a sleeper. The Bible often describes death as sleep. The mourners knew the girl was dead too, and showed it by laughing at Jesus' words.

Jesus put them all outside and took the girl's parents and the three disciples to her. Taking her hand, Jesus said, "Talitha cumi," which is Aramaic for "Little girl, I say to you, arise" (v. 41). She did. Jesus told her parents to give the girl something to eat.

By divine words and touch, Jesus thwarted death and enlivened the girl's body. By divine Word and sacramental touch, Jesus does the same for us. In Baptism, we are crucified with Christ, buried, and raised with Him (Romans 6:1–4). His body and blood in the Lord's Supper offer the food of eternal life. His absolution enlivens body and soul.

Prayer

Jesus, Lord of life, enliven our faith and keep us close to You.

In Your name we pray. Amen.

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