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**Thirteenth Sunday in ordinary time.**

# **Jesus heals Jairus's daughter**

## **'Jesus is life'**

In today's Gospel, Jesus brings a young girl back to life again. She hears his call to her, "Talitha, koum" and follows it through a journey we can only imagine, emerging to return to the world she had left, in full health and very hungry. He could do that because Jesus is life.

## **FIRST READING**

Wisdom 1;13 – 15, 2; 23 -24a

God did not create death, but he is sad whenever a living creature dies. God made everything, and there is a reason for every living creature. No deadly poison is in them, and the kingdom of death doesn't rule the earth. Goodness will never die. God created us to live for ever, just as he does. But the Devil was jealous and brought death into the world

## **GOSPEL Mark 5:21-24, 35-43**

Jesus got into the boat and crossed Lake Galilee. Then, as he stood on the shore, a large crowd gathered around him.

The person in charge of the Jewish meeting place was also there. His name was Jairus, and when he saw Jesus, he went over to him. He kneeled at Jesus feet and started begging for help. He said, "My daughter is about to die! Please come and touch her, so she will get well and live!"

Jesus went with Jairus. Many people followed and kept crowding around. A little while later, some men came from Jairus' home and said, "Your daughter has died! Why bother the teacher anymore?" Jesus heard what they said, and he said to Jairus, "Don't worry. Just have faith!"

Jesus did not let anyone go with him except Peter and the two brothers, James and John. They went with Jairus and saw the people crying and making a lot of noise. The Jesus went inside and said to them, "Why are you crying and carrying on like this? The child is not dead. She is just asleep." But the people laughed at him. After Jesus had sent them all out of the house, he took the girl's mother and father and his three disciples and went to where she was. He took the twelve year-old girl by the hand and said, "Talitha, koum!" which means, "Little girl, get up!" The girl got up and started walking around. Everyone was greatly surprised. But Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened. Then he said, "Give her something to eat."

### ***Reflection***

- How would Jairus have felt when he learned his daughter was dying?
- How do you think Jesus might feel when Jairus called on him for help?
- How did the people at Jairus' home feel?
- What were they doing?
- How might the little girl feel when she was healed by Jesus?
- How might Jesus have felt when people laughed at them?
- What words could describe how the family felt when their little girl got up out of bed, healed.
- At the appropriate time in the conversation you might go over the Aramaic words, Talitha, koum which Jesus used. They are translated for us as "little girl, get up" When your child has had time to think through these questions and talk them over, **ask them when they have called on Jesus for help?**
- How were they feeling at the time?
- What difference did Jesus make for them?
- Does this story change the way we might treat other people? Why?

## ***Liturgical action – Ko te Ritenga Karakia***

In Peru, a 9 year boy named Joaquin wrote to Pope Francis.

Querida Papa Francisco;

Why are there not as many miracles anymore?

Joaquin.

Pope Francis wrote back-

Dear Joaquin;

Who told you this? It's not true! There are miracles even now. Every day there are miracles and plenty of them. For example there is the miracle of people who suffer and still not lose their faith. I'm also thinking of the martyrs in the Middle East who are killed because they refuse to deny Jesus.

But most of all there are every day miracles- like the miracle of life and the miracle of good works that change people's hearts. You know that you can recognize them. I've experienced many miracles. They are not the spectacular kind. I have never seen the dead come back to life, but I have seen many daily miracles in my life! MANY!

Franciscus.

- Talk about the many miracles in your life starting with the birth of your child.
- The miracle of the kindness someone has shown you? A smile, a hug, a meal shared?

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Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:22-43; Luke 8:40-56

