

# SUNDAY GOSPEL BIBLE SHARING



## Wednesday June 26th for the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**OPENING PRAYER:** Jesus, thank you for gathering us together to share your Word. Open our minds and hearts to hear and understand your Word for us today. Help us to see your presence in the midst of sickness, suffering, destruction and death. This we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- In the words of Saint Benedict, “Listen with the ears of your heart.”
- Please note a word, phrase, or verse that seemed to really catch your notice.
- A volunteer slowly read aloud today’s passage Afterwards, we have a few minutes of silent reflection.

## READING OF THE ASSIGNED GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

### Mark 5:21-24 35b-43

21 When Jesus had crossed again [in the boat] to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea.<sup>c</sup>

22 One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward.<sup>d</sup> Seeing him he fell at his feet

23 and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, “My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her\* that she may get well and live.”

24 He went off with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him.

35\* While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official’s house arrived and said, “Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?”

36 Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, “Do not be afraid; just have faith.”

37 He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

38 When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

39\* f So he went in and said to them, “Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep.”

40 And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child’s father and <sup>mother</sup> and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was.

41\* He took the child by the hand and said to her, “*Talitha koum*,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!”

42 The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. [At that] they were utterly astounded.

43 He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat.

## Notes

\* [5:21–43] The story of the raising to life of Jairus’s daughter is divided into two parts: [Mk 5:21–24](#); [5:35–43](#). Between these two separated parts the account of the cure of the hemorrhage victim ([Mk 5:25–34](#)) is interposed. This technique of intercalating or sandwiching one story within another occurs several times in [Mk 3:19b–21](#); [Mk 3:22–30](#); [3:31–35](#); [6:6b–13](#); [6:14–29](#); [6:30](#); [11:12–14](#); [11:15–19](#); [11:20–25](#); [14:53](#); [14:54](#); [14:55–65](#); [14:66–73](#).

\* [5:23] Lay your hands on her: this act for the purpose of healing is frequent in [Mk 6:5](#); [7:32–35](#); [8:23–25](#); [16:18](#) and is also found in [Mt 9:18](#); [Lk 4:40](#); [13:13](#); [Acts 9:17](#); [28:8](#).

\* [5:28] Both in the case of Jairus and his daughter ([Mk 5:23](#)) and in the case of the hemorrhage victim, the inner conviction that physical contact ([Mk 5:30](#)) accompanied by faith in Jesus’ saving power could effect a cure was rewarded.

\* [5:35] The faith of Jairus was put to a twofold test: (1) that his daughter might be cured and, now that she had died, (2) that she might be restored to life. His faith contrasts with the lack of faith of the crowd.

\* [5:39] Not dead but asleep: the New Testament often refers to death as sleep ([Mt 27:52](#); [Jn 11:11](#); [1 Cor 15:6](#); [1 Thes 4:13–15](#)); see note on [Mt 9:24](#).

\* [5:41] Arise: the Greek verb *egeirein* is the verb generally used to express resurrection from death ([Mk 6:14, 16](#); [Mt 11:5](#); [Lk 7:14](#)) and Jesus’ own resurrection ([Mk 16:6](#); [Mt 28:6](#); [Lk 24:6](#)).

## QUESTIONS FOR SHARING

- 1. Have you ever felt like an outcast? If so, what was that feeling like? What do you think it is like for the homeless, the mentally ill, and other outcasts of society?**
- 2. How has death entered your life? What was that like?**
- 3. Name one thing today's Gospel says to us that we disciples of Jesus need to heed/ act on.**

## Commentary

In today's Gospel, Mark dovetails two stories that emphasizes Jesus' power to overcome sickness and death and stresses the vital role of faith for all seeking redemption. The hemorrhaging woman is deemed ritually unclean because of her condition. She cannot touch anyone inside or outside her home. She lives a very isolated life and is regarded as an outcast. But upon hearing that the Healer is coming to town, she takes a huge risk and goes to meet him (probably with a covered face in case she is discovered). The woman expresses tremendous faith when she says: "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." She does and is miraculously healed. When Jesus asks: "Who touched me?" the woman is terrified that she will be punished for breaking the law that prohibits the ritually unclean from touching another. But she still finds the strength to come forward and confess all to Jesus. Rather than condemning her, Jesus publicly praises her for her faith: "Daughter, your faith has saved you." In the second miracle story, Jesus shows his power over death. Notice how Jesus once again works this miracle in response to the powerful faith of the girl's father. Jesus' order not to tell anyone about what he has just done seems a bit ridiculous since there is a large crowd outside. At that time, the disciples would have thought that Jesus only healed a sick girl. But after he defeats death by his Resurrection, they will come to see that he truly has power over death. Two other things to note about this Gospel: First, in telling these stories, Mark highlights for his community the value of every human life, especially those considered outcasts in the eyes of society. Second, Mark tells a persecuted

community that Jesus is on their side and they must have faith that he will help them to get through these bad times, even if it means martyrdom.

IS THERE A CAUSE FOR GRATITUDE THIS WEEK?

IS THERE A PRAYER REQUEST YOU HAVE?

CLOSING PRAYER - The Lord's Prayer

Bible Sharing Parish Hall and Zoom  
Wednesday, June 26 6:30 – 7:30pm  
Weekly on Wednesday  
Zoom Meeting

Description: Blessed Sacrament is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Blessed Sacrament's Zoom Meeting  
Time: June 26, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Weekly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZolduisqDosE923wHRoszXqNBSkCL57ORPg/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhpjorHtKTthCORpx5Goj4d-jwpiFdj\\_oPzwjNMS9AeDvnGMBxOZFTRY](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZolduisqDosE923wHRoszXqNBSkCL57ORPg/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhpjorHtKTthCORpx5Goj4d-jwpiFdj_oPzwjNMS9AeDvnGMBxOZFTRY)

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