

Kingdom 21 – Jesus Raises the Dead – Leader’s Guide

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1. Describe the funeral that Jesus interrupts. (Jesus meets the funeral at the town gate. They are carrying out the body of a young man. A crowd is following. The man’s mother is weeping and hopeless.)
2. Why is the dead man’s mother so hopeless? (The woman had already lost her husband and now she has lost her only son. Widows in that day were often victims, and now she had no one to help protect her rights.)
3. What does Jesus say to the widow? What does this show us about Jesus? (He says, “Don’t cry.” His words show that he is kind and compassionate and cares about our pain.)
4. How does Jesus raise the widow’s son? (He speaks to him and commands him to arise from death! The dead man sits up in the coffin and starts talking!)
5. Why does Jairus need Jesus’ help? (His only daughter is dying. She’s 12.)
6. How does Jairus show that he has faith? (He says he knows his daughter will live if Jesus puts his hands on her.)
7. What do the messengers tell Jairus? How does Jesus respond? (The messengers say that his daughter is dead. Jesus ignores them and tells Jairus not to be afraid, to just keep believing.)
8. Describe the atmosphere at Jairus’ house when he and Jesus arrive. (The atmosphere is depressing. There’s loud crying, with flute players, and professional mourners.)
9. How does Jesus raise the 12- year-old girl? (He commands all the mourners to leave. He takes the girl’s parents and 3 disciples into the room. He touches her and says, “Little girl, it’s time to wake up.” She stands up and begins walking!)
10. Why are Mary and Martha disappointed with Jesus? (They tell him their brother Lazarus is sick, but he doesn’t come right away. When he finally gets there, Lazarus has been dead for 4 days and is already buried!)
11. Describe how Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. (He commands the people nearby to roll away the stone from the grave. Jesus shouts, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man comes out wrapped up like a mummy. Jesus commands people to unwrap him.
12. Did Jesus make a mistake? Explain. (NO! He did something better than healing a sick person; he raised the dead!)

Kingdom of God 21

Jesus Raises the Dead Bible Study

1. Luke 7:11-17 Who Is Jesus?

- Travels with his disciples v. 11
- Attracts a large crowd v. 11
- Sees the widow and his heart goes out to her. v. 13.
- Doesn't ignore suffering. He gets involved. v.13
- Jesus tells the woman not to weep v.13
- Jesus interrupts the funeral! Touches the funeral bier. Became unclean. He is not sinning. Will need to do ritual cleansing after. v.14
- Jesus' words are full of life! He commands dead man to live! v. 14
- Raises the dead! Gives the dead son back to his mother v. 15
- Heals widow's broken heart. Turns her sadness to joy!

Who Is Man?

- Large crowd follows Jesus v. 11
- Funeral procession comes near village gate v.12
- Carry dead body of young man out of the city v.12
- Widow has lost her only son. Hopeless. v. 12
- Widows were often victims. Couldn't get jobs. No laws to protect them.
- Widows depended on men to protect their rights.
- Widows might lose land when husbands died. Would become poor.
- Large crowd from town go with the widow. Give emotional support. v. 12
- Widow is grieving and crying v.13
- Pallbearers stand still. Shocked! v. 14
- Dead man sits up and speaks! v. 15
- Crowd is full of fear, awe. See God at work! v.16

- Shout praises to God. Call Jesus is a great prophet v. 16
- Spread news about miracle and Jesus throughout the region v. 17

So What?

- Jesus has power over death!
- Jesus sees my pain and has compassion on me.
- Jesus can turn my sadness to joy!

2. Mark 5:21-4; 35-42 Who Is Jesus?

- Jesus lands by boat, attracts a large crowd v. 21
- Jesus agrees to heal dying girl. Leaves crowd to help 1 girl! v.24
- Teacher v. 35
- Tells Jairus not to be afraid, to keep on believing. v. 36
- Does not allow crowd to come to Jairus' house. Only allows 3 disciples to come (Peter, James, John) v.37
- Says the girl is not dead, only sleeping v. 39
- Makes crowd leave. Wants an atmosphere of faith.
- Allows only parents, 3 disciples to come into dead girl's room v. 40
- Holds dead girl's hand. Commands her to wake up. v.40

Who Is Man?

- Jairus, falls at Jesus' feet, begs him to heal dying daughter v.22-3
- Has faith his daughter will live if Jesus lays hands on her v. 23
- People follow Jesus and crowd in on him v. 24
- Messengers come, tell Jairus he is too late. Daughter is already dead v.35
- People at Jairus' house are weeping, wailing, noisy. Professional mourners, flute-players (Matthew 9:23) v. 38
- Crowd makes fun of Jesus when he says girl is only sleeping v.40
- Dead girl immediately stands up, walks around! v. 42
- Totally amazed at miracle v. 42

So What?

- Will I listen to Jesus or will I listen to negative voices? (“Your daughter is dead!”)
- One person is so important to Jesus.
- Jesus honors and responds to *my* faith!
- Jesus has power to change hopeless situations. He changes an atmosphere of depression to one of joy!