

WESTERN WISDOM BIBLE STUDY

Healing Miracles of Christ

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Raising the Daughter of Jairus

While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.

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 And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise,

He said unto them, Give place; for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.—*Matt. 9:18-19, 23-26.*

And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet.

And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.

And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.

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 And while he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, certain which said, "Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?"

As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James.

And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.

And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.

And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was laying.

And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.

And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment.

And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

—*Mark 5:22-24; 35-43.*

This beautiful story, which veils the

processes of Initiation from the general reader, is outlined in the three Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

Initiation is truly a dying to the old, personal life and being born anew. Luke says that the daughter of Jairus, a twelve-year-old girl, "lay a-dying." But Christ said, "The maid is not dead but sleepeth." These are not contradictory statements when interpreted in the light of the Mystery Teachings, but have reference to the same experience.

Christ Jesus endeavored to demonstrate for the Disciples the healing of many and various forms of disease, their pre-existing cause, and the method of dealing with it. In the presence of the most advanced of His Disciples He assisted three others to pass into the illumined state of Initiation.

The Ego which inhabited the body of the daughter of Jairus was a very advanced one. In her we find an Initiate of the ancient Mysteries, returning as one of the earliest pioneers of the Christian Dispensation. She had been liberated on the inner planes, receiving the holy teachings pertaining to a higher awakened consciousness while her loved ones kept sacred vigil beside her physical casement. At the proper time, Christ in the presence of the sleeping girl's father and mother and of Peter, James, and John (evidently the only ones present who were ready to understand these inner truths) assisted the maiden in returning and re-entering her physical body.

The Master greeted the girl when she returned with an expression of infinite beauty and tenderness revealing a wealth of inner meaning to the esotericist. Mark tells us that He said, "*Talitha cumi.*" The word *Talitha* is an Aramic diminutive meaning *little lamb*.

His words to her were, "Little Lamb, arise." Lamb or sheep is used throughout both the Old and the New Testaments to describe the Initiate. The majority of high seers in the Mosaic era were "Shepherds." The Master Himself came as "the Lamb of God," and in the later Initiation of Peter, His keynote is sounded in "Feed my sheep."

In the life cycle of the individual, the symbolic age of twelve is the crucial point for the child. It is then that the youth's desire nature begins to awaken, and the proclivities of past lives begin to manifest themselves. In an instance such as this of Jairus' daughter, an "old soul," one who has known many lives of experience in the Earth school, this age marks a definite development of the spiritual nature. Instead of awakening the physical desires, there is a definite quickening of the accumulated soul powers of the past. Such a one has worked definitely and consciously with the processes of transmutation for many past lives. This was the case with the child Samuel when he began to prophesy, and the Master Jesus who was also twelve years old when He taught the elders in the Temple. Inspirational experiences are fairly common even among ordinary adolescents, and psychologists have observed that if an individual does not undergo a religious conversion during this period of life it is likely he will never have such an experience.

It is significant to observe that in all three of the synoptic Gospels, the raising of Jairus' daughter is preceded by the exorcism of evil spirits.

In the experience of the Initiate himself the expulsion of devils has reference to passing the Dweller on the Threshold, which is an entity formed of the essence of all evil and negative deeds of past lives, and which the newly initiated must face, conquer, and dissolve (partially at least) by transmutation before he can pass into "realms of light" to be hailed as a "new born."

Jairus was a nobleman, a ruler in the

synagogue, and therefore a man of high authority. When anyone attains the degree to which the girl Initiate had attained, such are always the sons and daughters of the king, for having found and claimed the rightful heritage of spirit, one demonstrates true kinship with the Father. "All that the Father hath is mine."

All scriptural references to raising the dead to life refer to the latent divinity within man, which when awakened causes him to become an illumined or enlightened one. Many biblical references to persons being "dead" or "asleep" refer to the materially-minded.

When the silver cord which links the Ego to the body has been severed, it is no longer possible to re-animate the body. The master stated clearly for those who have eyes to see and ears to hear, "the maid is not dead, but sleepeth," indicating that the Ego was still linked to the body, which was therefore yet alive.

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