

LESSON 5- MIRACLES OF JESUS

Jesus, Lord of Life and Death

In today's lesson we want to help the children to understand the two miracles in the Synoptic Gospels in which Jesus raised the dead to life. In the light of these miracles we hope to help the children reflect on the mysteries of Life and Death.

We look at two miracles in which Jesus raised people from the dead to reflect on the significance of the miracles themselves and their sign value. We admit it is very difficult to know much about death and life after death. We can only accept in faith what Jesus meant to teach us. First, we need to accept that whatever happens to us in our life after death, Jesus is the Lord of our very existence. He is the Lord of our life and death.

Let's look at two miracles:

1. Jesus Raises the Widow's Son at Nain (Like 7: 11-17)

It is very encouraging to be able to believe, as Christians, that death is not the end of life. There is something more for us to enjoy after death, and so death itself becomes like a passage or doorway from on earth to eternal life with God. In this miracle Jesus felt compassion knowing that she was a widow and her only son was dead. He brought him back to life and gave him to his mother.

2. A Girl Restored to Life (Mark 5:21-24, 35-43)

A man called Jairus came to Jesus and threw himself down in front of him telling Jesus that his daughter is dying and to come and make her well again. Later we learn in the passage that the little girl is dead and not to bother the master. But Jesus tells Jairus that she is not dead but asleep and to trust in Him. Jesus goes to the little girl lying dead and takes her hand and says, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up". And immediately she got up and walked round the room. And he asked to give her something to eat.

Do not be afraid of death. Jesus is inviting you to shed this mortal flesh, to let our heart stop beating, to stop breathing and to let our limbs become limp. Knowing that Jesus is awaiting to receive you in His arms. When you are approaching death, do not be afraid because Jesus is with you, protecting you till the end. Surrender all to Him and He will be with you to lead you to heaven to live eternally with Him. Always pray for a happy, peaceful death.

