

ULC Sermon Study Resource

Why Jesus? // He is Beautiful

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Prayer: Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time,

and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

Icebreaker: Have you seen the Barbie Movie or any other movies this summer? What did you think of them?

Reading: Mark 5:21-43

Outline:

I. Beauty Captivates (Mark 5:21-24)

A. In this section of the passage, we encounter Jairus, a synagogue leader, who approaches Jesus with a desperate plea to heal his dying daughter. Jairus is captivated by the beauty of Jesus' power and authority over illness and death.

B. Jairus's actions reflect how the beauty of Jesus can captivate our hearts and lead us to seek Him in times of need. Just as Jairus believed in the beauty of Jesus' healing abilities, we are called to trust in Christ's power to bring transformation into our lives.

Q: When have you been captivated by the beauty of Jesus' power or presence in your own life?

II. Beauty Inspires (Mark 5:25-34)

A. In this section, a woman who had suffered from a chronic issue of bleeding for twelve years approaches Jesus, believing that even touching the hem of His garment would heal her. Her faith in the beauty of Jesus' healing touch inspires her to take action.

B. This woman's story reminds us that the beauty of Jesus' compassion and healing can inspire us to step out in faith and seek His transformative touch in our own lives. Her example challenges us to trust in the beauty of Christ's love and grace.

Q: How has the beauty of Jesus' compassion and healing inspired you to step out in faith and seek His touch?

III. Beauty Overwhelms (Mark 5:35-45)

A. In the final section of the passage, Jairus' worst fears are realized as he learns of his daughter's death. However, Jesus reassures him, saying, "Do not fear, only believe."

When Jesus arrives at Jairus' home, He takes the dead girl by the hand, and her life is restored. The beauty of Jesus' power overwhelms the despair of death.

B. This miraculous event serves as a powerful reminder that the beauty of Jesus' resurrection power can overwhelm even the most dire circumstances in our lives. Just as He brought life to the dead girl, He offers us the hope of eternal life and victory over death through faith in Him.

Q: Has there ever been a time when you have felt a moment of overwhelming beauty like the example of the soccer game pastor Gabe gave in his sermon?

Reflection/Application Questions:

1. If you can think of a time when you were captivated by the beauty of Jesus, what emotions and thoughts did you experience during that moment?
2. How do moments of overwhelming beauty in our fallen world compare to the overwhelming beauty that Jesus can provide?
3. Jesus' beauty has inspired many great works of art. Is there a specific art piece that has stood out to you?

Suggestion for further study:

- *Matthew 9:20-22* How does Matthew's account of the bleeding woman compare to Mark's account?
- *John 11:38-44* How does Jesus' raising of Lazarus compare to his raising of the little girl?

Closing Prayer:

Dear lord, help us to see your beauty. Help us to be captivated by you and to be inspired to show your beauty to those around us.