



Series: Unexpected Messiah

Passage Mathew 9:14-26, Mark 5:21-43

Title: The Saving Power of Jesus

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Discussion Starter –Once you came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ how did your life change? Was this a fundamental change to your life and values? Was this change instantaneous or did it take some time?

Celebrating with Jesus (verses 9:14-15)

- Why are we instructed to fast? Give a few examples of fasting in scripture (see also Deuteronomy 9:9-19, Ester 4:15-17, 1 Samuel 1:7).
- Why does Jesus compare fasting and mourning? Why would it be inappropriate for the people attending Matthew's party to mourn and fast?
- You might expect the Pharisees to ask the question about fasting, but why do John's disciples ask the same question? Why do you think John's disciple's vision are like the Pharisees?

Jesus Seeks Whole Hearted Relationships (Verses 9:16-17)

- Explain the symbolism of the unshrunk cloth and the new wineskin?
- How might just "adding" Jesus to your life be a problem? Are there some things in your life that you should turn away from given your new life in Christ?
- Pastor David said that the Holy Spirit dwells within us jealously (See James 4:1-5). What is the Holy Spirit jealous of? How is this beneficial to us? Why might this also be difficult for us?
- What benefits will we experience as we grow closer to Jesus? (See Psalm 16:11)

Jesus Heals (Matthew 9:18-26, Mark 5:21-43)

- Who was Jairus and what was his predicament? Why is it ironic that Jairus came to Jesus for help? What does this say about Jairus? How are we sometimes like Jairus?
- What was Jesus' response to Jairus?
- Describe the situation with the woman who touched Jesus's clothes? Why was this a particularly difficult ailment for a first century Jewish woman? (See Leviticus 15:25-28) According to Leviticus, what were the consequences for Jesus of this contact? How did Jesus respond?
- While Jesus was ministering to the woman what happened to Jairus' daughter? What did Jesus say to Jairus?
- What are the similarities and differences between Jairus' daughter and the Jewish women? What did Jesus reveal about Himself in both of these miracles?