

## The Four Gospels of the Bible, Daughter Returned to Life

### Luke 8:40-56

<sup>40</sup> Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. (NIV)

*Jesus insisted, "Someone touched me. I felt power discharging from me." When the woman realized that she couldn't remain hidden, she knelt trembling before him. In front of all the people, she blurted out her story—why she touched him and how at that same moment she was healed. Jesus said, "Daughter, you took a risk trusting me, and now you're healed and whole. Live well, live blessed!"*

*While he was still talking, someone from the leader's house came up and told him, "Your daughter died. No need now to bother the Teacher." Jesus overheard and said, "Don't be upset. Just trust me and everything will be all right." Going into the house, he wouldn't let anyone enter with him except Peter, John, James, and the child's parents. Everyone was crying and carrying on over her. Jesus said, "Don't cry. She didn't die; she's sleeping." They laughed at him. They knew she was dead. Then Jesus, gripping her hand, called, "My dear child, get up." She was up in an instant, up and breathing again! He told them to give her something to eat. Her parents were ecstatic, but Jesus warned them to keep quiet. "Don't tell a soul what happened in this room."*

### She touched me

Her faith was what led to her healing; yes, her basic belief and possibly last hope in the power of God through Christ.

### "...She's sleeping"

How Jesus determined that she was sleeping, we will not know; for by all indications, she had passed from this life. Can Jesus bring life back into death? Yes, she brings life to death in all who believe and receive Him as Lord of their lives. When Christ is received, the flesh of our physical lives gives way the Spirit...and so the transformation begins from death to life.

### Keep Quiet

Why did Jesus ask the parents to keep quiet? Was he just being modest and did not want to seem boastful about the miracles? No, the purpose was to bring life from death – which Jesus did – and not to bring further attention to the works of God through him. Jesus' time for arrest was not yet to be; but broadcasting his miracles could have evidently expedited his time on earth, his time of ministry.

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