

## Matthew 9:18-26

### What about Death?

#### (The King and His Kingdom)

Wednesday nights – gospel of Matthew – Chapter by Chapter verse by verse; BIG PIC - big chunks

A)Weekends: Series in Matthew – King and His Kingdom

B)Going in-depth in our Look at the Ministry of Jesus!

1)Matthew portrays Jesus as the King – Matthew mentions – Kingdom of heaven – 32 times

C)Looked at – King’s arrival - Birth and beginnings

1)The Heartbeat of the Kingdom – Sermon on the Mount

D)Then – The King’s Power – and authority

Today 4<sup>th</sup> Section – King and Kingdom series

A)The King answers our questions- Jesus deals with some important topics

B)Life and Death - Hell – Unpardonable sin – the impossible – purpose – Rest

C)Today –what about Death?

Pray

Setting of Matthew 9 Jesus is still ministering in the town of Capernaum

A)He has been healing and working in the miraculous – his popularity is soaring

B)And the religious leaders are already getting jealous and angry.

C)He has just finished talking to the disciples of John the Baptist –about fasting and prayer

18 While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, “My daughter has just died, {Literally even now is dead} Mark says: at the point of death {Luke she was dying- REALLY SICK – JAIRUS SAYS

but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live.” 19 So Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples.

20 And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. 21 For she said to herself, “If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.” 22 But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, “Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that hour.

23 When Jesus came into the ruler’s house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, 24 He said to them, “Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping.” And they ridiculed Him. 25 But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. 26 And the report of this went out into all that land.

A Ruler: Mark and Luke tell us he is the Ruler of the Synagogue and his Name is Jairus

A)His name means Jehovah enlightens – that is going to happen in this story

B)Ruler of the synagogue: there was a synagogue in every city where there were 10 Jewish men.

C)The ruler of a synagogue was the elder in charge of the public services and the care of the facilities.

D)He saw to it that people were appointed to pray, read the Scriptures, and give the sermon

1) He presided over the elders of the synagogue

He takes care of the offerings – He schedules the rabbi’s to teach

A)When a rabbi was traveling through – he was the one who would ask him to preach.

B)So he is a man entrenched in Judaism – the religious system.

1)He was a man of Power / position – Wealth

C)Yet he was also a man of GREAT NEED

A Daughter: She is 12 years old and is very sick and at the point of death!

A)Interesting how death is the great equalizer isn’t it

**B) Stats on death are really impressive 10 out 10 –**

1) All going to die –

C) Doesn't matter rich or poor – we all enter eternity the same – with nothing

D) And People get religious in the face of death – the helplessness – loved one is about to die

1) Even atheists are prone to pray in that moment

**Jarius is a religious leader: He is a part of the crowd that doesn't like Jesus**

A) For him to come to Jesus – he was putting his career on the line – His Reputation on the line

B) But this was his 12 year old daughter: - Luke tells us it was his **only DAUGHTER!**

**For a Jewish girl the age of 12, was considered the year she became a woman.**

A) For a Jewish boy it was **13 and 1 day** when he was recognized as a man,

B) I have no idea what that extra day did – many 13 yr olds – NOT A MAN

C) But it was the day of her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday THAT a Jewish girl was recognized as a woman.

D) Jarius' daughter was 12 – young woman!

**But she would ALWAYS BE HIS LITTLE GIRL!**

A) **Daughters are special-** Something about daughters

B) I have shed way more tears in watching my girls grow up

1) and knowing – **my relationship with them was changing- HARD**

C) **Your son – you expect to grow up**

1) you expect him to defend himself and protect himself – but **With daughters you are protective!** –

**When Amanda was in Jr. High some Boy broke her heart – really a jerk to her. { I was mad!**

A) My son Aaron {who doesn't have a mean bone in his body – {Low on the Italian gene's

B) Aaron was a Senior in HS and pulled that boy aside and said – **You ever hurt my sister again and I am going to hurt you!**

C) I was so proud of my son! – Big Hug –

**You expect your son – to take care of things**

A) You expect your son to find a wife – move out and take care of her - **Do his thing** { Son done well

D) **But your daughters – More PROTECTIVE:**

1) Scrutinize their boy friends - background checks

**C) And when it comes time to give them away**

1) Wondering – Is this guy going to love them – take care of them- **treat her right - My princes**

D) My girls – Little princess –

1) Amanda – sassy big personality when younger – You can call Amy Princess – I am the QUEEN

For Jairus this is his Little Princess

A) For 12 yrs she has filled his heart with Joy and his home with laughter.

B) **For 12 yrs she had brought sunshine to his heart**

C) He had watched her grow & learn to walk / talk / sing / **her life was like sweet music to his ears**

1) But now the music has stopped – she is lifeless

D) Those **feet were still & becoming cold** / her lips were silent & his heart was crushed.

1) For that REASON he came to Jesus.

**I love that Jesus responded immediately – 19 So Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples.**

A) But then there is going to be an interruption: The Journey is going to get delayed.

B) I don't like interruptions - Traffic - struggle

C) Commercials - Game – movie – interruption

D) **I hope the guy who invented DVR's is a Christian – I am going to thank him in heaven**

E) Love DVR's – Don't like interruptions

**When you are in a Desperate situation – Interruptions are hard. - Are you kidding me?**

A) But what we have here is what I would call a Divine intersection –

B) Two lives are going to intersect – Two stories are suddenly going to get connected-

1) **Divine interruption –**

**C) A WOMAN: V.20 AGAIN**

20 And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. 21 For she said to herself, “If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.”

**She was suffering from what doctors would call a vaginal hemorrhage,**

A) A continual flow of blood which gave her great distress and pain, -fragile- ENEMIC

B) Mark’s gospel says she had exhausted all of her resources on Doctors to no avail.

1) According to the Jewish traditions it also rendered her ceremonially unclean so that she was ostracized from society.

**C) She is unable to attend the synagogue, - the very synagogue that Jairus is the ruler of**

1) so he knows her.

D) He has probably been the one to tell her – she can’t come.

1) She is cut off from the temple – from the synagogue – all worship life in Israel.

E) She had to keep her distance from everyone, could not mingle with people.

1) (She was almost like a leper.)

**SO The medical community didn’t know what to do with her!**

A) The religious community doesn’t want to deal with her - **But she would find Her answer in Jesus!**

**B) She had this conviction - THIS FAITH -**

1) She says to herself *If I can Just ..... I know I will be made well All I need to do is to touch Him !*

C) She pushes her way through the crowd – touch the hem of his garment –

1) AND when she does – Healing power flows out of Jesus

D) Mark’s gospel tells us that at that moment Jesus stops – says - **WHO TOUCHED ME ?**

1) Disciples look at Him like He is crazy *What do you mean who touched you - everyone is touching you*

Turn to Mark 5 catch the drama –

33 But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. (Literally the whole story)

**Why did Jesus stop? – Why bring her forward?**

A) See although the disciples were focused on the Multitudes – the many – the Crowd –

C) Jesus was focused on the ONE PERSON!

D) You in this group today! -

**Another reason He stopped was because CONFESSION WAS NECESSARY**

A) Jesus had her tell what happened to her because - it was important for her restoration w/ the people.

B) She told the whole Story !

C) He wanted them to hear what had happened to her

1) He wanted them to know that she was now made Whole.

D) So Jesus stopped to assure her of her healing & His love!

**34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."**

A) This is the only time recorded in the Scriptures that he ever used this term "daughter."

B) Same as Jairus – my only daughter

C) See there was another reason why Jesus stopped

1) He stopped **for the sake of Jairus** – He needed to hear this!

**D) INTERSECTION TAKES PLACE**

1) **Two lives / two needs/ two entirely different set of circumstances – but there was one common thread.**

**12YRS**

**WHAT DO YOU THINK - JARIUS WAS DOING WHEN THIS EXCHANGE WAS GOING ON?**

A) I can see him at first wondering - *what are we doing - why are we stopping - my daughter is dying & you are worried about people touching YOU?*

B) Standing there arms folded / feet tapping / looking at his watch / hand thru his hair -  
1) **UNTIL HE HEARD A PART OF HER STORY.**

C) Woman told how she had suffered for 12 yrs she suffered - 12 YEARS  
1) I think that Resonated with Him! { **Daughters age**

**So important to share our stories**

A) Easter white board testimonies

B) Many of those stories - resonated with you.  
1) That was me!

C) Paul declared that we comfort one another w/ the comfort we have received  
1) Our stories serve a purpose of connection and compassion - TESTIMONY - GOD'S faithfulness

**Catch the split second drama going on here v. 34**

*Jesus said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."*

*35 While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further*

A) Imagine JARIUS AT THIS MOMENT - Wind KNOCKED OUT OF HIM - **HOPE HAS DIED /**

B) He is probably thinking: Stupid woman - why did we have to stop  
1) We could have been there in time

C) But Jesus interrupts those mental gymnastics by looking JARIUS IN THE EYES & SAYING v.37, "*Do not be afraid; only believe,*

**WHAT PROMISING WORDS - "*Do not be afraid; only believe, Luke adds and she will be made well."***

A) JARIUS had nothing to depend upon - nothing to lean upon but the word of Jesus & **what he had just witnessed with this woman.**

B) Same is true for us - times of great trial  
1) we **MUST DEPEND** upon the words of Jesus & the faithfulness of Jesus

C) In our lives & in the Lives of others

**"Do not be afraid; only believe - A word for some of you here today.**

A) This word from Jesus to JARIUS tells us that our fear **HAS TO BE met by faith.**

B) Faith is the answer to fear -- believing that God knows what he is doing.

**Listen, Satan likes to come like these messengers & say - *IT IS TOO LATE - THERE IS NO HOPE -***

A) Things will never change / that loved one will never get saved / **that area you are stepping out in - will never work**

B) Jesus stretches out His hands & gently says to us like He did to JARIUS / don't be afraid - Just believe

v. 37 **And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. 38 Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. 39 When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping."**

**So they continue on to the house & As they come to the house the mourners have already begun their wailing cries**

A) See It was customary in those days to hire mourners to bemoan the death of an individual.

B) **There was a terrible frenzy about it. - Wailing**  
1) They would actually rip their garments apart, tear out their hair, and cry out with loud shrieks and howls.

C) Two flute players **FOR EVERY 5 MOURNERS**  
1) Balance out the sound of the wails with some sweetness.

**But JESUS says - she isn't dead she is just sleeping**

**40 And they ridiculed Him.**

A) Luke says - the laughed at him - Scorn

B)Wailing? Laughing ? - Professionals – not real

C)This is their act – they quickly break out of character!

**But when He had put them all outside,**

**SO HE PUTS THE MOCKERS OUT**

A)Wonder how He did it – FORCEFUL?

V.40b He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. 41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, (Little Lamb- we might say sweetheart)- I say to you, arise." 42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement. 43 But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.

B)That my friends is what Jesus does — Brings the dead to life. - Picture of salvation.

**We only have 3 incidences where Jesus raises someone from the dead.**

A)Here in Capernaum – **only Daughter**

B)Village of Nain – **Only Son**

C)Bethany – **Only Brother.**

D)The one who gave his only son – would understand **the pain of only.**

**There is a progression IN these 3 accounts**

A)The only daughter here: was gone for a matter of minutes – 10, 30, 60 – matter of minutes

**B)Today they might have paddled her- Clear**

C)She was gone for minutes

**In Nain: The funeral processions is underway**

A)The son is in the coffin – being carried to the burial spot.

B)Jesus is coming into the city with his crew – they are coming in full of Joy!

C)But there is another crowd – a funeral crowd going out in GREAT SORROW

**JESUS looks at this mother on her way to bury her son – He has compassion.**

A)Jesus walks over to that Casket - - Arise.

B)That son wakes up and goes home with his mother

1)Imagine that – everyone's mind is blown

C)In BETHANY: **Only Brother** – his name is Lazarus – he has been dead for 4 days

**TALK to a Doctor: In 4 days Rigor mortis would have set in. – His body stiffened like a board**

A)The top of his body would have turned yellow the backside – turned blue – **all of the blood settling down ward**

**B)In 4 days his eyes would have collapsed**

1)More than half of his major organs would have more than ½ way disintegrated – turned to mush

C)Decomposition settling in – the Stench would have been horrible

**When his Sister Martha hears that Jesus has arrived she comes out and says Lord if you would have been here – My brother would not have died**

A)Martha had all the confidence in the world that Jesus could heal her brother – but not now – gone

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

<sup>24</sup> Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

**Martha is struggling there – between theology and reality**

A)God can't work now. But one day – He is coming back - **He will work again..... RESTORE**

B)Her theology is accurate, HER faith IS in the future, at the resurrection of the last day,

C)but she has forgotten that God is right there – in the here and now.

1)**Precious saints** – Don't forget that Jesus is the **God of the here and now – Same yesterday... forever.**

Martha is struggling there – **between theology and reality** and that is what makes what Jesus says – so Beautiful and powerful

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

That was an incredible statement – one that divided man into two categories.

A)Those who **believe** – those who don't – Those who **have hope today** – those who have **no HOPE!**

B)What did Jesus mean when he said, "*He who believes in Me shall never die*"

C)TO understand that question – we really need to understand the Biblical definition of death!

1)True death means **a separation from God.**

**First man Adam: You eat – die! He didn't....**

A)But there was a death – Separation – Wall – no more walks in the GARDEN

B)The Bible teaches us we are all sinners - Born sinners – **we Prove it.... MISS THE MARK** –

**C)Don't have to teach kids to sin - Natural – lie – selfish**

**Our Sin separates us from God**

A)If a person lives for himself, **he is dead** while he yet lives.

B)And if a person dies in that state they end up being separated from God for all of eternity.

C)The Bible teaches that **Man is basically a spirit being** – We all have a spirit – REAL YOU.

D)YOUR SPIRIT lives in a body,

1)But this body is not me, just the instrument that God designed as the way I can express myself. -

**But there will come a time in every person's life – sometimes it is through tragedy**

A)Sometimes it is sickness/ sometimes it is old age.

B)There will come a day – **Never know** – **Tomorrow is promised to no man!**

1)Come a day – where the body ceases to function – the heart stops beating.

C)But the real you remains very much alive – spend eternity in one of two realms

1)Either with God – or eternally separated from God

D)HELL – next week- Not a pretty picture.

1)Sum it up this way: Perpetual state of dying that never stops –

**That was the plight of every single Human being after the fall – Doomed – Damned –**

A)But Jesus is revealing that the person who believes in him – **has ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE.**

B)HE NEVER DIES – BODY CEASES – HEART STOPS – **but Spirit doesn't experience death.**

1)Never experiences separation

C)But the Real you – Your spirit is more alive than ever

**Paul the Apostle – 1 Thessalonians – Loved one dies who knew Jesus – WE SORROW – but not as those who have NO HOPE!**

A)HOPE IN THE FACE OF DEATH- Body dies

B)But the Spirit moves – New Body!

C)HEAR tomorrow – Pastor Rob died – don't believe it – just CHANGED LOCATION – **{MORE ALIVE**

**In 2 Cor. 5 - Paul expresses it like this:**

For we know that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. For we who are in *this* tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life.

**This body was made for planet earth and no where else. Space suits /Ocean – tanks**

A)This body made for here – When this Body quits working - NEW BODY WAITING

B)Not bound by time/ space – Can't get sick – doesn't rot

Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is* God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So *we are* always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. **We are confident**, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

**This is our Hope in the face of Death – Jesus died – Rose – Beat death –**

A)We don't have to fear death!

B)Jesus BEAT DEATH – SO DEATH doesn't have to BEAT US!

C)Jesus' statement in V25 – Answers the question – How can we know – where going when we die?

D)BELIEVE IN JESUS! **the Resurrection and the Life – TODAY!!!!**

**This passage not only gives us hope for the future – but is also gives us hope IN THE PRESENT!**

A)We live in a world – where not only people die - Things Die! –

B)Love dies – Marriages die – Friendships die –  
1)All the result of sin.

C)Sometimes it is our faith that dies – or our hope that dies!

D)Here today – Marriage is dead or dying – Hope died

**Jesus is still the Resurrection and the life!**

A)He can bring life to what has died or is dying in your heart today.

B)HIS WORD TO YOU IS don't be afraid only believe- Come to Him today

C)Here is how the Story of Lazarus ends – they come to the tomb -

**39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, ARE YOU SURE**

**"Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been *dead* four days." ARE YOU SURE- NASTY**

**He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!"**

**D)If Jesus didn't call him by name – the whole cemetery would have been risen!**

**And he who had died** came out bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, **"Loose him, and let him go."**

**Jesus takes care of death**

A)Hope of a new life

B)Resurrection to a dead thing

**Are you a believer here today: Something is dying**

A)Need Resurrection –

B)Is there a stone that needs to be removed ?

Pride – laid at the altar –

Bitterness –