

“And They Began Laughing At Him”

Lesson Text: **Matthew 9:18-26 (vs. 24). (Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56).**

I. Their Laughter Was A Reflection Of Their Own Heart.

- **Proverbs 23:7; Matthew 15:18-19.**
- What In Their Heart? A lack Of Confidence, Trust, Or Misunderstanding Jesus’ Words?
- You Don’t Laugh At People You Have Great Respect For, And Take Seriously.
- If They Had Really Known Who Jesus Was, They Would Not Have Laughed.
- They Would Have Been More Like Peter In **Luke 5:4-5.**

II. Their Laughter Didn’t Stop Jesus’ Power To Raise Her.

- **Mark 5:35-43.**
- In Spite Of Their Laughter, The Miracle Happened Regardless.
- Jesus Would Use That Same Power In **John 11:11-15**, To Raise Lazarus.

III. Their Laughter Didn’t Prove Jesus As False.

- **Matthew 9:25-26.**
- When Jesus Raised Jairus’ Daughter, He Was Proving He Was The Christ.
- The Purpose Of Jesus’ Miracles- **John 3:1-2; John 20:30-31.**

IV. Their Laughter Should’ve Turned To Strong Belief In Jesus.

- The Reaction Of The Parents- **Luke 8:56.**
- The Reaction Of Those Who Laughed Is Not Recorded For Us.
- **James 4:8-10.** Did Some Believe In Jesus Afterward Or Stay In Their Unbelief?
- Some Would Dismiss His Miracles- **Matthew 9:34.**
- Some May Have Later Realized Who Jesus Really Was- **Acts 6:7.**

V. Their Laughter Didn’t Stop Honest People From Following Him.

- **Matthew 9:26-35.**
- Why? Many Honest Souls Saw Jesus As The Christ- **Luke 8:11-15.**

VI. Their Laughter Hurt Themselves More Than Anyone.

- Their Laughter May Have Kept Them From Following Jesus— Which Is Great Harm!
- May Very Well Have Lost Opportunity For Eternal Life- **John 5:40.**

VII. Their Laughter Is Still Being Mimicked Today By Others.

- The Enemies Of Jesus Still Laugh At Him.... Unbelievers And Hardened Sinners!
- But Will Not Laugh When At The Judgment Seat Of Christ- **2 Cor. 5:9-11.**
- The Unprepared Will Be Speechless- **Matthew 22:11-12.**