

## *Jairus' Daughter Discussion*

*Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.*

*Is the experience of being brought back to life likely to be the focal point of this girl's future life?*

*When her father came to get Jesus, there was a delay because of the needs of a woman who was also seeking Jesus. (Luke 8:40 – 56) Why did Jesus allow the delay?*

*How did it change the miracle?*

*In many "near death experiences" written and talked about in our day, the person comes back from death convinced that everyone goes to heaven. Is that likely to happen if Jesus is involved?*

*If there were a spiritual conflict going on during this girl's illness, why might it be particularly intense in that situation?*

*Is it reasonable that Jesus would have given her a taste of His loving presence in those brief moments surrounding her return to life?*

*Is it surprising that there were people who did not share her joy?*

*Is that likely to have discouraged her from telling her story?*

*What if the Temple authorities had ordered her parents to make her stop?*

*Can you imagine how the story spread among her friends and family?*

*Does an event like this have a way of revealing what is in a person's heart?*

*Do you have a story of at least protection from possible death?*