



Until I
Breathe
My Last

LORD OF THE LAST BREATH

MARK 5:21-24, 36-43

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- **John 12:32 ESV**, “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”
- This is what Mark is doing with his gospel of Jesus Christ
 - To establish Jesus as the Son of God and the Messiah
 - To encourage people to have faith and follow Jesus as his disciple
 - To strengthen the faith of Roman believers, particularly Gentiles
 - To teach people what it meant to be a disciple of Jesus

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 - **Mark 1:11 NIV**, And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”
 - **Mark 1:24-26 NIV**, 24 “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” 25 “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” 26 The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek
 - **Mark 1:32-34 NIV**, 32 That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. 33 The whole town gathered at the door, 34 and Jesus healed many who had various diseases.

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- This is what Mark is doing with his gospel of Jesus Christ
 - **Mark 1:40-42 NIV**, 40 A man with leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.” 41 Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” he said. “Be clean!” 42 Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.
 - Indignant - feeling or showing anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment.
 - **Mark 2:5-7 ESV**, 5 And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” 6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 7 “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

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 - **Mark 2:18, 21-22 NIV**, 18 Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, "How is it that John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?" 21 "No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. 22 And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins."

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- This is what Mark is doing with his gospel of Jesus Christ
 - **Mark 2:27-28 NIV**, 27 Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”
 - **Mark 3:4-6 NIV**, 4 Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they remained silent. 5 He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. 6 Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

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- This is what Mark is doing with his gospel of Jesus Christ
 - **Mark 3:20-22 NIV**, 20 Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. 21 When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.” 22 And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.”

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 - **Mark 4:10-11 NIV**, 10 When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. 11 He told them, “The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables
 - **Psalms 78:2 NIV**, I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things, things from of old

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- This is what Mark is doing with his gospel of Jesus Christ
 - **Mark 4:39-41 ESV**, 39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” 41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”
 - **Mark 5:6-8 NIV**, 6 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. 7 He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God’s name don’t torture me!” 8 For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!”

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- **Genesis 2:15-17 NIV**, 15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”
 - What about the great enemy of mankind – death
 - Is Jesus the Lord of our last breath?
 - We have seen Jesus is the Lord of sickness, nature, spiritual darkness, The Law given by Moses but what about death, the grave?

Scripture

- **Mark 5:21-25 NIV**, 21 When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. 22 Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. 23 He pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” 24 So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. 25 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years.
 - What does it mean that Jesus went with him? What would Jairus have heard?
 - Jesus is saying, “Yes, I will come with you and heal your daughter”

Sometimes God must tear down the walls we have built so He can bless us

- This is what has Jesus been doing with all of His miracles
 - Tearing down walls of prejudice, injustice, religion, power – Why?
 - So people can see and accept God the Father and His Kingdom
- Jairus has some thick walls built up when it comes to Jesus
 - At this time the synagogues were mostly closed to the ministry of Jesus
 - Jesus had offended the Pharisees, everyone in power, so much that they had cut him off from this ministry within the synagogue
 - Jesus had been rejected by the leading scholars and teachers of that day
 - Now Jesus was out in the open countryside, preaching on the hillsides

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- Jairus has some thick walls put up when it comes to Jesus
 - I am sure he had to overcome problems of pride, prejudice, and even of shame and embarrassment, before he could come to this itinerant untrained teacher
 - Now Jairus had to leave his privileged position, find where Jesus was at and come and fall at Jesus' feet because his daughter was dying
- Jairus knew there was power in Jesus to heal
 - Jairus came not from his position of power and authority but as a frightened, humble, hopeless father whose daughter was dying
 - He came seeking grace and mercy for his daughter from Jesus
 - Jairus' stoney walls were coming down

We find in this event Jesus is the Lord of our interruptions

- **Mark 5:24 NIV**, 24 So Jesus went with him.
 - The request from Jairus was for Jesus to come and heal his daughter
 - This is Jesus' way of saying, "Yes, I will do this."
- On the way Jesus was interrupted to minister to a woman that had suffered greatly for 12 years, and she was important to Jesus
 - Can you feel the tension in Jairus and the people who know what was happening

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- **Mark 5:35-36 NIV**, 35 While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher anymore?” 36 Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”
 - Don’t bother the teacher anymore, it is beyond His ability
 - Only God can raise the dead and Jesus is just a teacher that can heal the sick and cast out demons, but this is death
 - So what limits are you placing on Jesus today in your life?

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 - Don’t be afraid; just believe – believe what?
 - Jesus’ word – I told you I am going to your house to heal your daughter, nothing has changed
 - Don’t be afraid, believe or have faith in my words and promises

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- Here is the question that each of us must answer
- **Mark 5:37-40 NIV**, 37 He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. 38 When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. 39 He went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.” 40 But they laughed at him.
 - Notice what Jesus calls the last breath of a believer, sleeping
 - This is a child’s sleep or child’s rest
 - Be at peace those who have walked the path of the pain of separation from death of a believer in Christ Jesus
 - Your loved one is at peace, secure in the hands of a loving Heavenly Father

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 - Notice what Jesus calls the last breath of a believer, sleeping
 - Notice there is no call for crying and wailing without hope
 - **1st Thessalonians 4:13 NIV**, Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.
 - **Vs. 40 AMP**, They began laughing [scornfully] at Him [because they knew the child was dead]

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- **Mark 5:40-43 NIV**, After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. 41 He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). 42 Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. 43 He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.
 - The dead hear the voice of their Lord
 - Lazarus heard Jesus' voice after being in the grave 4 days and was stinking mightily according to his sister

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 - Notice how lovingly and gently Jesus is with Jairus' daughter
 - Jesus just spoke directly with a command, "Talitha koum" and instantly death gives up this girl
 - She was completely, fully physically healed and returned to her parents
 - Why is it so important for us to remember this?

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- **1st Thessalonians 4:16-18 NIV**, 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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- As wonderful as this story is it is only temporary
 - We all will have a last breath where we will not be called to return to our physical bodies here
 - As a born-again child of God, to those who have received His salvation through faith that is a good thing
 - Because Jesus is truly Lord of our last breath and one day we will hear, “My brothers and sisters, I say to you, get up!”
- One question – Are you ready for your face to face with your Creator?
 - Have you truly received the salvation offered through the Cross of Jesus Christ?
 - Are you currently living as a disciple of Jesus?

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- **John 3:16-17 NIV**, “16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”
- **John 6:40 NIV**, “For my Father’s will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.”
- **2nd Corinthians 5:8 NIV**, We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.
- Death has been swallowed up in victory because death could not keep Jesus in the grave



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