Traveling thru Life with Jesus

Luke 8:22-56

Intro. A. This message is hermeneutically incorrect.
   1. The stories in these verses are helpful.
   2. They do have many theological implications.
   3. They are true stories from the life of Jesus.

B. We may think of these incidents and circumstances as representing possible experiences that may be in our future.
   1. Faith and day to day living.
   2. From the unique to the mundane (ordinary).
   3. Crisis, when have done all.
   4. The final life experience, death.

D. Jesus And The Day To Day.

   A. "And it came to pass on a certain day."
   vs. 22
   1. "He went into a ship with His disciples."
   2. The objective of the day was, "Let us go over unto the other side of the lake."
   3. A common, ordinary day to day thing.
   vs. 23
   4. Jesus was living by faith, He went to sleep.

   B. The day to day went sour.
   vs. 23b
   1. A storm of wind fell on the lake.
   2. The ship was filled with water.
   vs. 24
   3. They were, in their thinking, in grave danger.

   C. Jesus rebuked the wind and the raging water.
   1. They came and awoke Jesus.
   2. There was calm.
   3. He rebuked them, "where is your faith?"
   4. God can be trusted!
B. One crisis is interrupted by another. 

Vs. 43-44. A woman had an issue of blood 12 years. 

1. She had an abnormal bleeding that made her unclean according to the law of Moses, Lev. 15:25. 

2. She had exhausted her resources on medical help. No physician was able to help her. This is no inditement of the medical profession. It is only a comment on their limitations. 

3. We too would spend all to regain our health. Today people travel to Mayo Clinic, etc. 

C. The woman, her character, and faith. 

Vs. 44. She would not touch His body; this would have made Him unclean. He would have to go to a priest for cleansing. 

Vs. 45. Jesus knew there had been a release of spiritual power. "Virtue" = ἄνευ πηγῆς = "power to do". 

Vs. 47. She had modesty. 

Vs. 48. She had faith to touch His garment. 

IV. Jesus And Death. 

A. Now we must visit crisis #1. 

Vs. 49. 1. It has escalated in its severity. It has gone from "lay dying" to "Thy daughter is dead". 

2. Jairus could have blamed Jesus for His delay to heal the woman. We don't know what he thought, but we know what Jesus said. 

Vs. 50. 1. "Fear not, believe only, and she shall be made whole". 

Vs. 52. 4. When they arrived at the home, things were normal, "all wept and bewailed her". 

Vs. 51. 5. Those who were there: Peter, James and John, the father, the mother, Jesus, and a dead body of a 12 year old girl.