



Sunday 21st January 9am

Luke 9:1-9 Empowered and Authorised For Mission

We are in the section of Luke where everything is pointing to WHO Jesus is. He has power over the physical world (calming the storm), power over the spirit world (casting our demons), power over sickness and disease (healing the woman of 12 years of bleeding) and power over death (raising Jairus's daughter). Jesus is doing over and over again only things that GOD can do. What is our response? FAITH in HIM!

In today's reading we see a woman desperate to meet with God. She had suffered for 12 years, was an outcast and had no peace. She reached out and touched the hem of Jesus's cloak and was healed immediately but it wasn't until she met Jesus and spoke with Jesus, and entered into a relationship with Jesus, and declared the mercy of Jesus that she experienced true peace. A **true** faith draws us into a deep and satisfying relationship with our Lord.

Jairus receives a message that his daughter has died and Jesus intervenes. He speaks directly into the situation and promises Jairus that his daughter will be well. And what Jesus promises—he does. Jairus's daughter was raised from the dead. Now, this does NOT mean that whenever anyone we love dies, all we have to do is believe and they will be raised back to life. This was a clear promise from Jesus to Jairus. Jairus's faith was based on a clear word of the Lord Jesus, the Son of God, who spoke specifically and directly to him. The hope we have is based on the clear word of God to US. That those who believe in Him, will be raised to glory, when He returns. We don't need to hope for a temporary miracle. Our hope is in eternal life—in glory with Jesus!

The lesson today is about faith. Because of WHO Jesus is (the Son of God), HE has power and authority. Therefore our faith is well placed in HIM. It has become quite fashionable in Christian circles to use the phrase "I'm believing for..." or "I believe for" but nowhere in the New Testament is that phrase used. We don't 'believe for' a miracle to happen or for a healing to take place or for a dead person to come back to life. We **believe IN** the Lord Jesus Christ, the One who has all power and authority including the power over death!

Resurrections have happened (like when the man fell out of a window and died while Paul was preaching) but they are rare. BUT there is ONE resurrection that is promised to everyone who believes. It's for everyone who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ. When Jesus returns, the trumpet will sound, and the disciples of Jesus—those who have died with their faith firmly in Him, **will** be raised to eternal life. We can be sure of that. We can stake our lives on that—and we do!

Do you believe in Jesus? Is your faith in Him and Him alone? Then this promise is for you ...

"Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live and everyone who believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?". John 11:25-26

Bush Disciples Jan/Feb Roster 2024

Date	Opening Prayer	Kids Story	Bible Reading	Com-munion	Closing Prayer	Supper
28/01	Anglican	Anglican	Anglican	Anglican	Anglican	Anglican
04/02	J&S	B&R	Ann	D&P	D&R	Shared
18/02	D&R	J&S	Ann	B&R	D&P	Shared



Jesus calmed storms,
made sick people well
and raised people
from the dead to
show us that
HE IS GOD!

Order of Service 21st January 2024

Welcome and Opening Prayer	Justin & Sarah
Song	TBA
Children's Story	David & Pauline
Bible Reading	Anne (Luke 9:1-9)
Message	Empowered for Mission
Song	TBA
Communion	Dave & Ruth
Song	TBA
Closing Prayer	Bruce
Benediction	Now Unto Him

Sunday School : "God provides for His creation" When we think about how well God planned creation, we realise that He took great care to look after every creature He made. There is no need for us to ever worry about anything. We know that God never changes and He will look after us very lovingly and carefully as we trust Him as our Heavenly Father.