

Día de los Vivos

Mark 5:21-43
October 31, 2021

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Introduction: October 31 Has Many Layers

A Plea for Help (5:21-24)

Real Blood, and a Day of the Healed (5:25-34)

Real Death, and a Day of the Living (5:35-43)

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

You † Your Family † Your Friends † Your Community Group

1. What did you do for October 31 this year?
2. In the sermon, we spoke of the pagan roots of Halloween. How does this affect how you and your family celebrate? Are you inclined to fully engage in Halloween in all its commercial glory and gore? Do you prefer more nuanced cultural engagement (say, trick-or-treating in fun but not scary or evil costumes)? Or are you inclined to not engage at all? Discuss the pros and cons of these and other approaches.
3. We also spoke of October 31 as Reformation Day, the 504th anniversary of Martin Luther challenging the Roman Catholic Church on October 31, 1517. Why is it important for us to always be striving for a correct understanding of God's word, for the purity of the true gospel, and for correct worship in church and in personal life?
4. In the Mark passage we studied, Jesus demonstrates His power as God in healing both the woman with the hemorrhage and the young girl. He also demonstrates His grace, giving both a blessing that they did not deserve. In both instances, faith – that is, strong belief in Jesus – was specifically cited by Jesus as a key to healing. Contemplate Jesus' power and grace for yourself. How does that spur a deeper trust in Him in your heart? What ailments, physical or spiritual, do you suffer from that would be helped or even cured by greater faith in Christ?
5. Jairus believed in Jesus, resulting in his daughter being brought from death to life. Who in your life is spiritually dead, that you need to beg Jesus to bring to spiritual life, to be born again (see John 3:3-8 and Ephesians 2:1-10)? Pray for them. Share the gospel with them this week. Next week, share with your group how those conversations went.