Only Believe Sermon Review



This story is the second half of the story that Mark tells about Jesus returning from the other side of the Sea of Galilee



Being a leader of the synagogue" would have witnessed the miracle of Jesus and the demon possessed man in the synagogue earlier in the **Gospel of Mark**

Like Nicodemus in the Gospel of John, Jairus would have had to step over the objections of his fellow colleagues and rulers of the synagogue





The only two institutions of religion recognized at the time would have been the temple in Jerusalem or the various synagogues in local towns and villages

Even though Jesus was recognized as a rabbi (Gospel of John), he had no local synagogue that he operated out of



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The commotion at Jairus' house would have been from the "professional mourners" who would have been hired to cry and wail on the behalf of the family



The reason the people laughed was because if Jesus was correct they would have been out of a job **Their doubt** had the potential to sabotage the miracle was about to perform

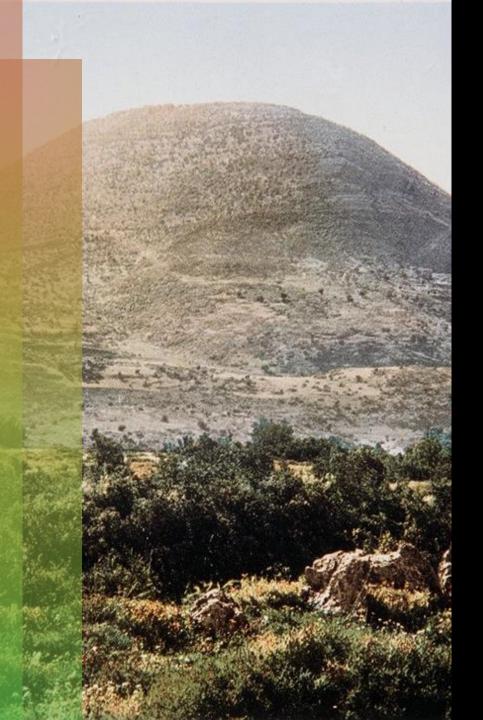


Jesus takes into the room the father whom he had told earlier, "don't be afraid, just believe"





The fact that Jesus did not take all of his disciples into the room suggests that not even all of those with Jesus were believing in him up until that time

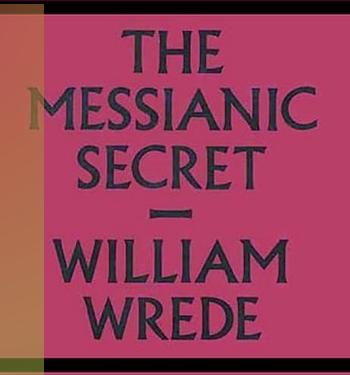


The three he does take into the room are the same he took to the **Mountain of Transfiguration** and further into the Garden of Gethsemane

Jesus uses the combination of "touch and his voice" to bring the girl back to life

The text says that Jesus gave her something to eat to defend against the accusation that she was a ghost or an illusion





DAS MESSIASGEHEIMNIS IN DEN EVANGELIEN

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This is the first of what would later be referred to by William Wrede (1901) as the "Messianic Secret"