

Jesus, Lord of Life and Death



Jesus said that people are more valuable than the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. He placed them above the Sabbath and the Law and united all human beings as children of the one loving Heavenly Father.



Through Jesus people attain true life, which death cannot take away. When He raised to life the son of the widow from Nain, brought back to life the daughter of Jairus or woke up Lazarus from the dead, He was clearly making a statement in favour of human life, the most valuable of God's creations. The events narrated in the Gospels proclaim the good news that we will never die if we believe in Jesus, and follow Him as His true disciples.

These miracles also unravel the mysteries of life and death. Jesus is the Lord of life and death, and His Resurrection from the dead clearly proved this fact. Faith in the Son of God assures humans that death is not the end of life and we continue to have everlasting life in Jesus.

Knowing Jesus is the key to our life, and this knowing, is not merely collecting information about Jesus' life but experiencing Jesus and His teachings in daily life.



Word of God

Mark 5: 35 - 43

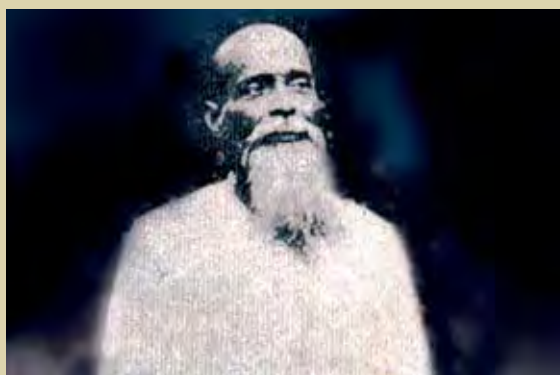
While Jesus was saying this, some messengers came from Jairus' house and told Him, "Your daughter has died. Why bother the Teacher any longer?"

Jesus paid no attention to what they said, but told him, "Don't be afraid, only believe." Then He did not let anyone else go on with Him except Peter and James and his brother John. They arrived at Jairus' house, where Jesus saw the confusion and heard all the loud crying and wailing. He went in and said to them, "Why all this confusion? Why are you crying? The child is not dead—she is only sleeping!"

They started making fun of Him, so He put them all out, took the child's father and mother and His three disciples, and went into the room where the child was lying. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha, koum," which means, "Little girl, I tell you to get up!"

She got up at once and started walking around. (She was 12-years-old.) When this happened, they were amazed. But Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone, and said, "Give her something to eat."

Insight



Rev. Narayan Vaman Tilak was a veteran Marathi poet and Christian missionary. After his conversion to Christianity, he composed several Marathi hymns which are sung in an Indian style. Until then, hymns in churches in Maharashtra were sung in Latin or western styles. A century after his death, Tilak's hymns are still sung in churches in Maharashtra, and elsewhere. Tilak's devout Christian life is beautifully portrayed in Smritichitre, an autobiography of his wife Laxmibai Tilak.

Notes



POEM: "Intimations of Immortality" is a famous poem by William Wordsworth which was republished in 1815 with the expanded title "Ode: Intimations of Immortality from Recollections of Early Childhood" but today most readers and critics use the title "Intimations of Immortality". Intimations means hints, inklings, or indirect suggestions.

my TASK this week

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Read The Mystery of Christ – Life in Death by John Behr, a beautiful theological work that explains how and why Jesus is the Lord of life and death.

