

13th Sunday Ordinary Time B

- Ordinary Time – (Kermit’s “It’s not easy being green”)
 - A time for the ordinary, quiet, everyday
 - In midst of Ordinary Time we are taught **all things are possible with God**
 - calmed storm – healing the woman – raised Jarius’ daughter – even in ORDINARY TIME, nothing is impossible with God
 - Jarius’ daughter
 - Jarius comes to Jesus, pleads for Him to come
 - Jesus simply goes with him (no questions, no drama)
 - -but- On the way Jarius is told his daughter was dead & not bother Jesus any further
 - We all do this – we come to Jesus with our problems (& our expectations)
 - He had come for healing – Healing OK, Raising the Dead, that’s impossible
 - We’re willing to settle for our expectations – The Ordinary, but JC has more
 - He wants to deepen their faith
 - Unopened gifts in heaven that he’d planned, but we’d not asked for
 - Jesus ignores the news of her death “Do not **fear**, only **believe**”
 - Remember the woman healed on the way? (who’s **faith** had saved her)
 - Don’t shut the doors on new possibilities – **believe** in Jesus!
 - Believe there are new possibilities, new horizons, new ways of seeing and doing *with Jesus*.
 - Jesus doesn’t cry out – no huge drama – just takes her hand & says “Arise”
- What does this tell us about Jesus? What does it tell us about how WE should act
 - He cared about people
 - He went out of His way to give help to those that asked for it
 - He stood up to ridicule and went on caring for people despite the jeers
 - He touched her, He lifted her up, He arranged for her to have some food.
 - Jesus healed, He restored hope,
 - Jesus was attentive to the needs of others and cared about them
 - He cared enough *to do something*
 - He opened peoples eyes to the reality of God
 - That the impossible was possible through faith

When we think it’s impossible

We need to call on the Master of the Impossible

We can discover unheard of ways to extend our horizons, *through faith*

We can stretch and reach, push the envelope *through faith*

We can discover untried ways of affecting change, *through faith*

Discovering peace, healing, and resurrection of things thought long dead