

The Gospel of Mark
Come to Jesus
Mark 5:21-43

Our culture loves the concept of faith. We find it inspiring. But even though we like the concept of faith, we don't want the object of faith defined. We want to have faith, but we want to set the terms and conditions of that faith and we want to decide what our faith will be in. Pop culture today believes that it is enough to be sincere. As long as you sincerely believe in something then you have a faith that is good enough. For our culture just believing in something worthwhile makes you a good person and if you are a good person, everything will be fine in the end.

1. We can come to Jesus in our distress.
2. We can come to Jesus in our desperation.
3. We can come to Jesus in our despair.

Real faith is defined in terms of its object. Placing our faith in something temporal like a good cause might make this place a better place, but only faith in Jesus Christ will prepare us for the kingdom. Only a willingness to come to Jesus, to trust Him with our distress, desperation, and despair will allow us to enter that kingdom. When we come to Jesus, we get more than hope and healing. When we come to Jesus, we get Jesus.

For further consideration

Do you know of anyone who came to Jesus in desperation, convinced He was the only One who could help? Have you ever felt that way? As a member of Christ's church, tasked with carrying out His mission, are you willing to be interrupted? If you are busy with your own life, do you still take time to help someone who is hurting? Have you known anyone whose initial interest in Jesus was misguided, perhaps wanting Jesus more for what He could do for them rather than what He has already done? Jesus commended the imperfect faith of the woman. How should that encourage us today? Why is it important to know that "faith in faith" isn't really a thing? Why does the object of our faith matter?