

Opening Illustration: (Insert the picture of the TriBond Game here) The game of TriBond:

- What do all these have in common?
 - The parents of a dead daughter.
 - The parent of a demon possessed son.
 - A doubter.

They each stand at the crossroads of faith and Jesus tells each of them the same thing, “*only believe*”.

This Easter Sermon Series will take on a different focus this year, as we focus on those two words, “*Only Believe*” and how that challenge was answered by an “empty tomb”.

- **Matthew 28:1-6.**

Read **Mark 5:21-24**

- To get an understanding of where Jesus is, you have to know that Jesus is leaving a crowd that wanted Him to leave (**implore**) (**Mark 5:17**) and going to a crowd that was ready to embrace Him (**Mark 5:21**).
 - (Insert picture of Beatles In Bolder here) The illustration of the crowd that met the Beatles in Boulder Colorado.
- In that crowd that day there were 2 that really wanted to see Jesus.
 - A man with a dying daughter.
 - A woman who was suffering from an incurable disease.
- It was not easy for Jairus to come to Jesus.
 - Many of his friends were the same ones who were trying to kill Jesus for he was a Synagogue Official (**Order Of Worship**) (a very coveted position in the Temple).
 - What is it today that is keeping you from Jesus?
- Jairus came to Jesus for he was desperate.
 - Implore (there is that word again).
 - Doctors
 - Synagogue Officials to pray over her and anoint her with oil.

Now he finally gets to Jesus, gets His attention, but the crowd continues to follow Jesus.

Mark 5:35

- Now Jesus gets back to Jairus.

- As Jairus turns he is met by some from his household with the news that he did not want to hear 2 waves of news, “*Your daughter has died, why trouble the Teacher anymore?*”

What will Jesus do? (Jesus deals with the masses but sees the face of the individual in the crowd.)

- First Jesus gives Jairus a word of “faith”. (Mark 5:36)
 - “*Do not be afraid any longer, only believe.*”
 - These are present tense commands “do not be afraid again / keep believing.”
 - Isaiah 41:10.
 - Jesus says, Jairus you had faith to come to Me, your faith should be strengthened by what you just saw Me do, don’t quit, keep believing.
 - If Jesus could heal Jairus’ daughter, could He not also raise her from the dead?
- Next Jesus speaks a word of “hope” to Jairus. (Mark 5:37-39)
 - When Jesus, Jairus, and Jesus’ inner core of disciples get to the home they are greeted by “professional mourners”.
 - Wail loudly.
 - Weep.
 - Illustration of my sister’s call back in December.
 - Lead the family in mourning (the opposite of a worship leader).
 - This can leave no doubt that the daughter was dead, or the professional mourners would have never been called.
 - Here comes the word of “hope”, *Why make a commotion and weep? The child has not died, but is asleep.*
 - I Thessalonians 4:13-18.
 - “*THEREFORE comfort one another with these words*”.
- Next Jesus speaks words of “love and power”. (Mark 5:40-43)
 - Unbelief laughs at the Word of God, but faith lays hold to it and experiences the power of God.
 - Jesus, the parents, and the inner core of disciples go into the bedroom of the daughter.
 - Jesus takes her by the hand, “*Little girl, I say to you, get up.*”
 - Verse #42 the first word is “immediately”.
 - She gets up.
 - She is healed totally, not just brought back to life.

“Only believe” – to believe is to relinquish trust in oneself and transfer that belief to someone or something else.”

- Paul – **Galatians 1:22-24**