

HOW CAN WE ESCAPE THE GRIPS OF DEATH?

Jesus manifests His authority and power over death

Matthew 9:18-26

- I. WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE OUR DESPERATE NEED AND COME TO THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN AND WILL DELIVER US FROM DEATH:** A synagogue ruler entreats Jesus to save his daughter from physical death and Jesus responds **(18-19)**
 - A. Jesus is humbly entreated by a synagogue ruler to save his daughter from death (18)

 - B. Jesus graciously responds bringing His disciples (19)

- II. AN INTERRUPTION THAT ILLUSTRATES OUR NEED OF DELIVERANCE FROM SPIRITUAL DEATH FIRST:** Jesus is interrupted by a desperate woman in need of healing of her unclean and afflicted physical state and He saved her. **(20-22)**
 - A. A physically and thus socially afflicted woman in faith interrupts Jesus seeking healing (20-21)

 - B. Jesus heals her (22)

- III. WE MUST BELIEVE ONLY JESUS CAN DELIVER US FROM DEATH:** Jesus comes to the ruler's house and raises his daughter from the dead **(23-26)**.
 - A. Jesus comes to his house and seeing the funeral proceedings orders them to depart (23-24a)

 - B. The people's unbelieving response – they mocked Jesus (24b)

 - C. After the crowd departs, Jesus raises the girl from the dead and the news spreads (25-26)