



DEATH IS NOW SLEEP



One day as Jesus was teaching, a Jewish leader named Jairus came to Him, knelt at His feet and asked Jesus to come put His hands on his daughter and heal her. Jairus asked for this because his daughter, who was only twelve years old, was dying.

Jesus agreed to go, but there were so many people pressing in to ask for healing, that He was not able to get to Jairus' house right away. By the time Jesus got to the house, people were standing outside wailing and crying very loudly, because they said the girl had died. Jesus told them that she was not dead, but was just asleep. Then as now, people knew the difference between sleeping and dead, and they knew the girl was dead.

Everyone was carrying on so, that when Jesus went into the house, He only allowed the girl's parents and His disciples to go with Him. Once inside, Jesus just said, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!" Then, as if she had been only taking a nap, the girl got up and walked around. Jesus told her parents to feed her, and not tell anyone what had happened. They did feed the girl, but they also told all who would listen about this miracle.

(Bible Reference: Matt. 9:18, 23-26 / Mark 5:22-23, 35-43 and Luke 8:41-24, 49-56)