



Message Title: Don't you believe in Me?

Text: Mark 5: 35-42

Date: Sunday, February 17, 2008 at 11:00 am

Introduction: I want this message to resound in the ears of every person present. For the saved and serving: Don't you believe in His saving power in your life? For the saved and backslidden: Don't you believe in His power to restore? For the lost and undone: Won't you

believe in His power to forgive you of your sins? Here are three portraits of those who should believe and eventually did so:

1. Mark 5: 36 *"Be not afraid, only believe."*
 - a. Be not afraid: (Today) Though your sins be many, that His love is too partial, that your day of grace is passed, that the Word of God will fail.
 - b. Only believe: (This very hour) That He is able to save and deliver you, that He is willing to do just that, that He does so for *whosoever will come* and that He has done so for all who have come solely by faith.

2. Matt. 14: 31 *"O thou of little faith, wherefore dost thou doubt."*
 - a. The goodness of Christ: Yet Peter still doubted.
 - b. The power of Christ: Yet he still doubted.
 - c. The presence of Christ: Yet he still doubted.
 - d. The willingness of Christ: Yet he still doubted.

3. Jn. 11: 40 *"...believe and thou shalt see..."*
 - a. The test of faith in v39 *"Take ye away the stone"*
 - b. The language of doubt in v39 *"Lord by this time he stinketh."*
 - c. The rebuke of love in v40 *"Said I not unto thee that, if thou wouldest only believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God."*
 - d. The obedience of faith in v41 *"Then they took away the stone."*
 - e. The glory of God in v44 *"Loose him and let him go."*

Now, will you believe in Him today?

1. Questioning Unbeliever?
2. Anxious Seeker?
3. Suffering Believer?
4. Discouraged Worker?

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