

# NOT DEAD, BUT SLEEPING

Matthew 9:23-26

## INTRO:

- A. Jesus said the young girl was not dead, just sleeping.
- B. Physical death is temporary, and the sleeping will awake.

## I. THE STORY

- A. The father's faith. Matthew 9:18-19
  - 1. The woman's faith. Matthew 9:20-22
- B. Not dead, just sleeping. Matthew 9:23-25
- C. All in the graves will rise. John 5:28-29
- D. At His coming. I Corinthians 15:22-26

## II. WHAT ABOUT CHRISTIANS?

- A. Those who die in the Lord. Revelation 14:13
  - 1. Resurrection is coming. I Corinthians 15:12-20
- B. Asleep in Jesus. I Thessalonians 4:14
  - 1. The dead in Christ. I Thessalonians 4:16
- C. No advantage to the living. I Thessalonians 4:15
  - 1. Caught up together. I Thessalonians 4:17-18

## III. SPIRITUALLY ASLEEP?

- A. Awake from sleep. Ephesians 5:14
- B. Salvation is nearer. Romans 13:11-14
- C. Some are dead. Revelation 3:1
- D. Watch, be ready. I Thessalonians 5:6-11

## CONCLUSION:

- A. While physical death brings grief and sorrow for those left behind it is not the end.
- B. Those who die in Christ are said to fall asleep, and will wake when Jesus comes again!
- C. When it's time for you to sleep will it be "in Christ?"
- D. Do you need to put on Christ in baptism today?