

did not want to do anything to make a display of His power. When He said that the little girl had not died, but was sleeping, they laughed Him to scorn, and thus they could not later say that she had only been unconscious and therefore it was nothing marvelous that He raised her up. That they had laughed Him to scorn for saying that she was not dead would be evidence against any claim they might make that He had not raised up one who was truly dead. He took her by the hand so as to impart His power to her. And He gave her something to eat so as to confirm that her resurrection was real, and not a phantasy.