Jesus - the Real Story

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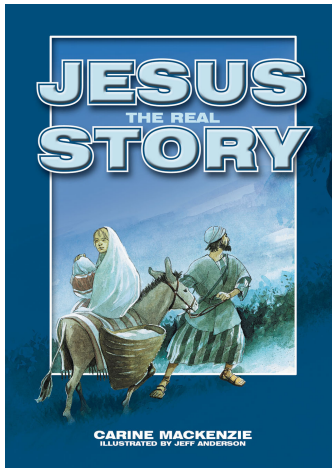

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Carine MacKenzie's talent for retelling Bible stories has meant that children from all over the world have been given the opportunity to discover Jesus Christ for themselves. She has sales of several million books and lives in Inverness, Scotland.

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In relating the story of the Syrophoenician woman in Tyre and Sidon (Mark 7), MacKenzie says, "Her daughter was very troubled and needed Jesus' help." Mark puts it this way: her "little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit" (Mark 7:25). The reason that MacKenzie can say "When she got home the girl was lying peacefully on her bed," was because as Mark says, "the demon [was] gone" (7:29).

In retelling the story of the boy in Mark 9, MacKenzie says he "was very ill. He was so ill he would take fits. This would make him fall in the fire or into water." Describing the same boy, Mark records the boy's father saying, "[H]e has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid (Mark 9:17-18). According to Mark, Jesus "rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again"" (9:25).

With regard to Jairus' daughter, I will show leniency, since Jesus