The literary structure of Mark 5:22-24a; 35-43 Raising a girl from the dead

A. Jairus' request: 5:22-24a

- **a. Jairus comes to Jesus:** ²²Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name
 - **b. The request:** and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³ and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your *hands* on her, so that she may be made well and live."
- **a¹. Jesus goes with Jairus:** ²⁴And he went with him.

B. The story of the healing of the longsuffering woman

A1. Jesus' answer: 5:35-43

- **a. The daughter is dead:** ³⁵While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"
- **aa. Jesus's instructions:** ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe."
 - **b. Who can be with Jesus:** ³⁷And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.
 - **c. They were weeping:** ³⁸They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.
 - **d. Not dead but sleeping:** ³⁹And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping."
 - **c¹. They laughed:** ⁴⁰And they laughed at him.
 - **b¹. Who can be with Jesus:** But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was.
- **a¹. The girl is raised:** ⁴¹Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement.
- **aa¹. Jesus' instructions:** ⁴³And he strictly charged them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.