**Jesus Speaks Your Language**

Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.” **42**[[1]](#footnote-1) **Mark** 5:41, 42

This daughter of a synagogue ruler may not have been educated to speak Hebrew or Greek, the business language. Aramaic was the most common “street language.”

Jesus Christ, The WORD Himself, spoke to her in her language. She didn’t need an interpreter, or her Dad, the religious leader, as a translator.

God wants a direct, clear communication with you, through the Bible, too.

I grew up speaking Cowboy. God can speak Biker, Business, 2nd Grade English, or whatever your heart-language is. Ask and listen as you try to read your Bible.

The New Testament sometimes records Jesus speaking in Aramaic. Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34 recount Jesus quoting Psa 22:2 (Psa 22:1 in English) while on the cross. Though written in Greek script, Jesus is speaking in Aramaic. Jesus also uses the Aramaic word for “father” (ἀββα, *abba*) in Mark 14:36 and “get up, child” (ταλιθα κουμ, *talitha koum*) in Mark 5:41. The phrase “come, Lord” (μαράνα θά, *marana tha*) in 1 Cor 16:22 is also Aramaic. Numerous proper names in the New Testament are of Aramaic origin, such as Golgotha, Tabitha, Kephas, and others.[[2]](#footnote-2)

1. [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](https://ref.ly/logosres/esv?ref=BibleESV.Mk5.41&off=6&ctx=he+child+was.+41%C2%A0y%EF%BB%BF%E2%80%A2~Taking+her+by+the+ha) (Mk 5:41–42). (2016). Crossway Bibles. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Fullilove, W. B. (2016). [Aramaic Language](https://ref.ly/logosres/lbd?art=aramaic_language.biblical_relevance.old_testament&off=1279&ctx=New+Testament%0a~The+New+Testament+sometime). In J. D. Barry, D. Bomar, D. R. Brown, R. Klippenstein, D. Mangum, C. Sinclair Wolcott, L. Wentz, E. Ritzema, & W. Widder (Eds.), *The Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Lexham Press. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)