

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Death Is Not The End"
Luke 7:11-17
Study-27

Some call it a "**Resurrection,**" but a better term would be "**Restoration**" or "**Being Raised From The Dead.**"

Jesus was the first prototype of the resurrection. **1 Corinthians 15:20**

The Gospels record three people that Jesus raised from the dead:

- 1. A child,** Jairus' Daughter. (**Matthew 9, Mark 5, Luke 8**)
- 2. A Young Man,** The Widows Son. (**Luke 7:11-17**)
- 3. An Adult,** Lazarus. (**John 11**)

Jesus may have raised more than these three. **John 21:25**

Luke 7-8 Miracles and Parables: Luke 7 Jesus calls people to faith.

Luke 7:1-10 A Dying Slave

Luke 7:11-17 A Grieving Widow

Luke 7:18-35 A Perplexed Prophet

Luke 7:36-50 A Repentant Sinner

Thought Of Our Passage: "Death Does Not Have To Be The End Because Jesus Forgives Sins And Has Authority To Give New Life."

- 1. Verses 11-12 Jesus Meets Death**
- 2. Verse 13 Jesus' Compassion**
- 3. Verses 14-15 Jesus Raises The Dead**
- 4. Verses 16-17 Jesus, Be Magnified**

1. Verses 11-12 Jesus Meets Death

Luke 7:11 Soon afterwards

(KJV Luke 7:11 And it came to pass the day after)

(Context) in **Luke 7:1-10**, Jesus healed a centurion's slave that was about to die.

Jesus said of the Centurion that he possesses "**Great Faith.**"

He went to a city called Nain;

Jesus had been in Capernaum; now He travels about 18 miles Southwest.

and His disciples were going along with Him,

Jesus models ministry. Jesus walking, talking, and being with Jesus.

(A **Disciple** is a *follower of the teacher and the teaching*)

accompanied by a large multitude.

Jesus is creating quite a stir as He ministers in Galilee. The period is called or referred to as *"The Popularity of Jesus."*

Luke 7:12 Now as He approached the gate of the city,

The gates of the city were considered "City Hall" (Entrance and exit the city) Common meeting place.

a dead man was being carried out;

Jesus probably arrived in the late afternoon. It would have been a day's journey from Capernaum. (Burials were outside the city gates)

I believe Jesus is keeping a divine appointment.

a dead man Luke 7:14 "Young man,

"A youth, under 40 some say 25 years of age."

dead, death – "separation."

It is the separation of the soul and the spirit from the body.

Cemetery – "Resting Place"

Death Is The Result Of Sin: Genesis 2:17

Believer's Do Not Fear Death: 2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23

Death In Christ's Day Was A Common Sight: The funeral in Christ's day took place generally the same day as the death. Embalming was not practiced; the climate being dry and hot would bring about the decomposition of the body—the poor buried in the ground with rocks over the grave. Wealthy, in a tomb carved out. After decomposition, the bones were placed in an ossuary (Femur/Thigh Bone 19") stone box, thus creating more room for others.

the only son of his mother,

(Children Were The Life Insurance Policy) Zechariah 12:10

and she was a widow;

(No Social Security) Widows were dependent upon family and their children.

Public Sorrow: and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her.

The family would hire professional mourners.

(Poorest must hire no less than two flute players, one wailing woman.)

Private Sorrow: only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her.

We live in a world with 7.8 billion people, and people are lonely!

2. Verse 13 Jesus' Compassion

Luke 7:13 When the Lord saw her,
the term **Lord** – 1st time Luke calls Jesus Lord. *"Supreme in authority, controller, God, deity, master."*

The Compassion Of Jesus: This term **compassion** – means *"to be gut wrenched."* It speaks of an emotion that is physical; He felt for her.

When Jesus came before Martha and Mary at the death of their brother Lazarus: **John 11:33 He was deeply moved in spirit, and was troubled,**

The phrase **deeply moved** – *"describes a horse snorting"* Jesus let out an involuntary gasp; the breath just came out of Him.

Jesus The Consoler: and said to her, "Do not weep."

Or *"Do not go on crying."*

John 11:35 Jesus wept.

"Do not weep." Jesus is hinting at the miracle that He is about to perform. **Revelation 21:4**

In Jesus' day, weeping over a death continued for seven days.

3. Verses 14-15 Jesus Raises The Dead

Luke 7:14 The Touch Of Jesus: And He came up and touched the coffin; It was a basket, a stretcher or a plank with a lip to keep the body from rolling off. The body was then wrapped with a shroud or linen cloth with spices woven in.

touched the coffin; (Numbers 19:11,16) Jesus knew that the Law required mercy above sacrifice. **Hosea 6:6**

and the bearers came to a halt. 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

Jesus Gives A Command: And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!" or *"get up, be raised."*

Note that in the three raising from the dead, Jesus spoke a command.

1. Jairus' Daughter: Mark 5:41-42

"Little girl, I say to you, get up!"

2. Lazarus: John 11:43-44 "Lazarus, come forth."

3. Widow's Son: And He said, Luke 7:14 "Young man, I say to you, arise!"

Why did Jesus give a command all three times? Because Jesus wanted those present to understand that He alone has resurrection power, authority over death.

John 11:25-26

Luke 7:15 The dead man sat up, notice the obedience of the dead to Jesus. You talk about the miraculous, the raising of the dead.

Notice that though the man was dead, he still heard Jesus' voice. John 5:28-29

and began to speak. (Proof of life)

Galatians 1:8-9; 2 Corinthians 12:3-4

4. Verses 16-17 Jesus, Be Magnified

Luke 7:16 Fear gripped them all, a sobering experience. **Romans 14:9**

and they began glorifying God, "continued to glorify God."

saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" This raising of the dead is likened to Elijah, who raised the widow's son from the dead.

500 years earlier, the Prophet Elijah had gone to a small town, Zarephath 1 Kings 17:19-24

and, "God has visited His people!" or "God has come to help us!" Luke 1:68

Luke 7:17 The word about Jesus is spreading. (Raising The Dead)

Application:

1. Death Resulting In Sorrow Is Not God's Fault But The Result Of Man's Disobedience To God. Sin Entered Into A Perfect World, Resulting In An Imperfect World. Jesus Appeared In Order To Reverse The Curse.
2. Whether We Happen To Face Death When We Are Young Or When We Are Old, What Matters Is That We Face Death With Faith In Jesus. **John 8:24**
3. The Result Of This Miracle Was That God Was Glorified For Visiting His People. Let Us Look For God's Visits And Acknowledge Them, And Thank Him.