

In **Luke 7:11–17**, Jesus arrives at the town of Nain just as a funeral procession is taking place. A widow is mourning the death of her only son, leaving her alone and vulnerable in society. Moved with deep compassion, Jesus tells her not to weep. He then approaches the bier, touches it, and speaks to the dead young man, commanding him to rise. Miraculously, the son sits up and begins to speak, and Jesus gives him back to his mother. The crowd is filled with awe and praises God, declaring that a great prophet has arisen and that God has visited His people. News of this miracle spreads throughout the region. This powerful story highlights Jesus' divine authority over death, His deep compassion for human suffering, and His role as the one sent by God to bring hope and restoration to a broken world.

When have you felt so moved by a moment of compassion that you were compelled to act? Did you hear a talk, an interview or advert on TV or online?

Read Luke 7:11-17

1. Who are the key people in this passage?
2. What details are given about the widow and her son?
3. What actions does Jesus take before performing the miracle?
4. Why is it significant that the woman is a widow and this was her only son?
5. What does Jesus' reaction tell us about His character? How does this story shape your understanding of Jesus' compassion?
6. Have you ever experienced or witnessed God meeting someone in deep pain? What was that like?
7. What does this story teach us about hope in the face of loss or despair? How can living hope make a difference?
8. How can you show the kind of compassion Jesus showed to people in your life today?
9. What does this miracle reveal about Jesus' authority and power?
10. Why do you think the people exclaimed, "A great prophet has appeared among us"?
11. How does this event foreshadow Jesus' own resurrection or other events in His ministry?

Prayer Points

Please pray for those who were baptised on Sunday. Pray for God's protection and blessing upon them as they walk through this week.

Pray for Esther, John and the family as they grieve following Sarah's funeral.

Give thanks for local churches, supported by Thimar and BMS, running informal education projects for Syrian refugees and displaced Lebanese people. Pray for the families of those who work in the field of Christian education. Pray also that they will have the resources, energy and skills they need.

Sermon Notes



BIBLE STUDY

April 27th 2025

Raising of the Widow's Son Luke 7:11-17

The resurrection power refers to the Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead, signifying victory over sin, death, and the grave. His power is not just historical but active and available to believers today. He brings transformation, healing, and hope, enabling lives to be renewed and hearts to be restored. Through the power of the Spirit, brokenness is made whole, and what seemed impossible becomes possible. The Spirit empowers believers to overcome trials and live victoriously. The Spirit assures us of eternal life and affirms God's sovereignty. As Christ conquered death, so can we rise amidst our struggles, walking in newness of life. The resurrection power is the heartbeat of the Christian faith - alive, transformative, and eternally victorious.

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