

Rediscover Jesus
Part 17: Jesus and Death | Luke 7:11-17
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The compassion of our Lord restores us in the sorrows of our lives.

I. The plight of a widow (vv. 11-12)

¹¹ Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57 = “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 = For this **light momentary affliction** is preparing for us an **eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison**, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

II. The compassion of the Lord Jesus (vv. 13-15)

¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” ¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 = For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

III. The response of the crowd (vv. 16-17)

¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” ¹⁷ And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

Life Application

1. In the face of death and all the sorrows you're going through, think *more* about the truths and joys of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. Examine whether your *approach* to Jesus matches your *address* of Jesus as Lord and God over your life.
3. Even amidst our current sorrows, pray for the love, boldness, and opportunity to share about the hope and restoration we have in Jesus with those around us.