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A Miracle At The City of Nain
Luke 7:11-17 - June 26, 2016

This particular story is a continuation of the previous 10 verses, however, it contains some very stark and interesting differences.

- a. **Vs. 1-10** – A Centurion who was a powerful leader in the Roman Army summons Jesus to come heal his servant.
Vs. 11-17 - Jesus meets a widow woman who was on the way to bury her son. She was powerless.
Both find relief in Jesus. Jesus sees your potential and wants to be the solution to all your problems.

- b. **Vs. 1-10** - Jesus is in the large city of Capernaum, which is his base for ministry.
Vs. 11-17 - Jesus is in Nain; a small and insignificant city about 5 miles from Capernaum.
Wherever we are, it is a place of significance according to the Lord. Whatever concerns you; also concerns the Lord. Nothing is too large or too little for the Lord to handle.

- c. **Vs. 1-10** - The Centurion has faith that Jesus could heal. Jesus says of him, "I say to you. I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel."
Vs. 11-17 - Jesus goes to Nain without an invitation because he knew what was about to happen with the widow woman.
The Lord can arrange a situation in your life that can put you in the presence of the problem solver.

1. A Word To A Mourning Mother

As the mother goes to bury her son, she meets an uninvited Jesus at the intersection of her problem and His power. Jesus tells the mother, "Do Not Weep."

We need to give the Lord an open invitation via email, text, snapshot, or snail mail to intercede in our lives whenever He wants to. Think about it, we would be in a real mess if Jesus only showed up in our lives when we invited him. The Lord had compassion and says, "Do Not Weep," which is interpreted as "Cease Weeping."

Jesus is asking us to bring all of our problems to him and cease weeping whether externally or internally. He is asking for us to give him our problems so we can have a greater quality of life.

2. A Word to a Deceased Son

Jesus understood the Levitical laws concerning touching that which is dead. He had to make a decision when he met the weeping widow; Jesus decides to raise the young man from the dead.

Jesus has the power to clean, purify and purge anything that is defiled in your life. He has the power to make, that which is not clean, clean; that which is not holy, holy. Jesus raised the young man from the dead by simply saying "Arise."

Jesus is saying to many of us.

You have been down to long, Arise.

Your shame has kept you down, Arise

Your past has kept you down, Arise

Your guilt has kept you down, Arise

3. A Word from a Crowd of Witnesses

The crowd planned to accompany the widow woman to the cemetery to bury her son. However, divine destiny caused them to meet Jesus at the intersection of pain and power. Because of the miracle of Jesus (telling the young man to arise), the crowd's went from weeping and whaling to praise God for a great prophet being among them. They gave the Lord praise by saying, "God has visited his people."

The crowd changed their tune because of the wonder working power of Jesus. Every now and then, the Lord will visit his children. Therefore, it does not matter where you find yourself in life. It does not matter how significant or insignificant your situation may be; if you are a child of God, the Lord will meet you at the intersection of your problem with his power and provide positive relief, no matter what it might be.