

GG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Jesus Breaks Up a Funeral | Luke 7:11-17

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1. The message emphasized that Jesus arrived at Nain at *exactly* the right moment (Luke 7:11-12). What does this passage teach us about Jesus' awareness of divine timing? How does this challenge the way we interpret "coincidences" or delays in our own lives? (*John 4:4; Luke 13:33; Isaiah 46:9-11*).
2. The widow has lost her husband and now her only son—socially, economically, and emotionally devastating. Why does Luke stress that she is a widow and that this was her only son? How does this scene function as a picture of the human condition apart from Christ? (*Hebrews 2:14-15; Romans 5:12*).
3. The message emphasized that misery and death are rooted in the fall. Why is it important to remember the source of sorrow when we experience grief? How does understanding sin's role help us both grieve honestly and hate sin rightly? (*Romans 8:20-23; Job 5:7*).
4. Luke says Jesus "had compassion" when He saw the widow (v. 13). What does the biblical meaning of compassion reveal about Jesus' heart toward suffering people? How does Jesus' compassion differ from mere human sympathy or pity? (*John 11:33-35; Hebrews 4:15; Lamentations 3:21-23*).
5. Jesus tells the widow, "Do not weep," before He raises her son. Why would this command be cruel if spoken by anyone else? What does it reveal about Jesus' authority and intention when He says it? (*Luke 8:52; Revelation 21:4*).

6. Jesus touches the bier, something that would have made anyone else ceremonially unclean. What does this act reveal about Jesus' holiness and authority over death? How does this moment point forward to the cross, where Jesus confronts sin and death directly? (*Numbers 19:11; Hebrews 7:26; 2 Corinthians 5:21*).
7. In each resurrection account, Jesus simply speaks and the dead live. Why is it significant that Jesus raises the dead by His word alone? How does this shape our understanding of Scripture, preaching, and Christ's commands today? (*John 5:28-29; John 11:25; Hebrews 1:3*).
8. Luke says Jesus "gave him to his mother" (v. 15), echoing Elijah in 1 Kings 17. Why do you think Luke highlights this detail? What does this teach us about God's heart of mercy behind difficult divine moments? (*Psalms 126:5; 1 Kings 17:23*).
9. The crowd glorifies God but calls Jesus "a great prophet" (v. 16). In what sense do they get it right, and where do they fall short? What are some modern ways people come close to the truth about Jesus yet still miss who He truly is? (*Deuteronomy 18:15; Luke 7:49; Matthew 16:13-16*).
10. The message ended by connecting this miracle to the final resurrection and Jesus' voice calling the dead. Why does Scripture stress that those who hear Christ's voice now will live then? What does it practically look like this week to "hear His voice" and respond in faith and obedience? (*John 5:24-25; John 10:27; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18*).