

# Arise

## **Luke 7:11-17 (ESV)**

Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” <sup>14</sup> Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” <sup>15</sup> And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup> Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” <sup>17</sup> And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

## **Luke 7:11-12 (ESV)**

Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup> 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.

What a major contrasts of crowds, which made for a collision of compassion.

In a funeral procession—the family of the dead person followed the body that was wrapped and carried on a stretcher through town. The burial property was usually outside the village, and the body was on its way to the burial site. The family would mourn for thirty days.

## **Luke 7:13 (ESV)**

And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.”

In the first century, it was very difficult for a woman to earn her own living. Without anyone to provide for the grieving widow, she would likely be reduced to begging for food. No wonder when the Lord saw this sad sight and the tearful woman, his heart went out to her.

## **Luke 7:14 (ESV)**

Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.”

Jesus again reached out to someone in need with compassion, risking becoming unclean.

How do you react when you see a funeral procession?

Jesus is such an excellent example of how to respond to others pain!

## **Luke 7:15 (ESV)**

And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

Can you imagine the shock and praise of this overwhelmed crowd. I am sure the thought of Elijah and Elisha came to mind.

**Luke 7:16 (ESV)**

Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!”

**1 Kings 17:24 (ESV)**

And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.”

They recognized that God had come to help His people, but this probably does not mean that they recognized Jesus as Divine.

**Luke 7:17 (ESV)**

And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

**Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)**

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.