

# Miracle Worker

Part Seven: *widow's son*

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The Gospels record that Jesus performed three miracles of resurrection. Jesus raised a young man who had been dead perhaps for a day (Luke 7:11-17); a twelve-year-old girl who had just died (Luke 8:41-56); and an older man named Lazarus who had been dead for four days (John 11). In each instance, Jesus brought the dead back to life by the power of His word. Well, in chapter seven of his gospel, Luke tells us how...

## Jesus raises a widow's son – Luke 7:11-17

**1<sup>st</sup> - Luke tells us about the place of the resurrection.**

**Vs. 11**

Nain was a tiny village about twenty miles southwest of Capernaum, and six miles southeast of Jesus' hometown of Nazareth. On the other side of the hill on which Nain stood was the village of Shunem, where the prophet Elisha raised a young boy from the dead (2 Kings 4:8-37).

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Luke describes the person that needed to be resurrected.**

**Vs. 12**

Not only did a widow lose her only son, but she lost her only means of financial support and security. Plus, the son's passing meant it was the end of her family line. The woman would never have any grandchildren to spoil. She would not have anyone to take care of her when she was old. And her family's name would be forgotten.

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Luke tells us about Jesus' pity for the widow.**

**Vs. 13**

The Greek word translated as compassion in verse 13 means Jesus' heart went out of his body towards the widow woman. The Son of God was brokenhearted because a widow was brokenhearted. Christ not only saw the woman's sadness, but He felt the widow's sadness.

**4<sup>th</sup> – Luke describes Jesus' power.**

**Vs. 14-15**

As two crowds of people converged in front of a village gate, the One who spoke the universe into existence (John 1:3; Colossians 1:15-17) ordered the dead young man to get up. And suddenly life surged into the young man's dead body! If he died of disease – it was immediately gone. If he died of an accident – his body was immediately repaired. He who was dead was now alive and at full strength.

**5<sup>th</sup> – Luke tells us about the people's response to the resurrection.**

**Vs. 16-17**

Luke tells us great fear swept the crowd and everyone glorified God for He had visited His people. After four hundred years, God had broken His silence! Of course, the news that Jesus raised a man from the dead spread like wildfire. Everyone wanted to see the Miracle Worker (Luke 8:4, 19, 42).

### ***Why did Jesus raise the widow's son from the dead?***

- Jesus wanted to comfort a grief-stricken woman.
- Jesus wanted to show people that He is God.
- Jesus wanted to give us a look into the future when He will resurrect all the dead (John 5:28-29; 1 Cor. 15; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).

## ***Takeaways from Luke 7:11-17...***

### **1. Jesus is brokenhearted when we are brokenhearted.**

Jesus is our merciful and faithful high priest that sympathizes with our weaknesses (Hebrews 2:17; 4:15). The Man of Sorrows understands our sorrow and grief (Isaiah 53)!

### **2. Jesus has defeated our greatest enemy.**

Jesus died and rose from the dead to give us victory over the power and pain of death (see 1 Cor. 15:51–58; Heb. 2:14–15).

### **3. We can trust Jesus with any need.**

If Jesus defeated death and gave us eternal life in Heaven, we can trust Him with everything!