

THE LORD OF LIFE
Luke 7:11-17

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people." And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.

MAIN POINT

The Lord of life brings hope to the dead. Our response should be reverence and praise.

How does the Lord of life bring hope to us?

I. He Demonstrates Compassion for the Hopeless

- A. Christ taught and led a large group of people who followed His every move

- B. Jesus saw a woman in a hopeless situation
 - 1. A woman with no hope of future care and provision
 - a) Her only son died

 - b) Her husband died

 - 2. Her community mourned with her
 - a) Death brings *sorrow*

 - b) Death brings *hopelessness*

- C. Jesus had compassion and tells her to weep no more

II. He Displays Power to the Helpless

- A. Jesus touched the coffin
- B. Jesus issued a command that no corpse can obey: “Arise!”
- C. The dead arose—brought back to life by the power of the Word of Christ
- D. The result of Christ’s life-giving command
 - 1. Life brings *reverence*
 - 2. Life brings *praise*