

“The Compassionate Lord of Life”

Luke 7:11-17

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I. Introduction

- A. It's no surprise that Luke alone records the story of the raising of the widow's son
 - 1. Why? Because Luke's purpose was to show the compassion and power of Christ
 - 2. Jesus is seen in the story as the compassionate Lord of life
 - 3. He's the same today (Hebrews 13:8)
- B. Compassion has been defined as “your pain in my heart”
 - 1. What pain Jesus must have felt in His sinless heart as He was confronted with this sorrowing widow who had lost her only son
 - 2. In our story, Jesus was not asked to perform a miracle; He was moved wholly by the tears of a grieving mother
 - 3. We see in the story the compassion and power of God
 - 4. Jesus knows and cares
 - 5. Four truths I want you to see

II. The Great Sorrow Sin Has Brought into the World (Luke 7:11-12)

- A. The two crowds that met
 - 1. One joyful (v. 11)
 - 2. One sorrowful (v. 12)
 - 3. God's providence
- B. Two sorrows met
 - 1. A mother in sorrow
 - a) Illustration- Pain of losing a child
 - 2. A man of sorrows
 - a) (Isaiah 53:3)
 - b) Death and sorrow entered the world because of sin
 - c) (Romans 5:12)
 - d) Jesus came to save us from sin and death
 - e) (2 Corinthians 15)
 - f) Our story is a picture

III. The Great Compassion of Our Lord (Luke 7:13)

- A. In His vision
 - 1. “And when the Lord saw her” (v. 13)
 - 2. God sees and knows
- B. In His heart
 - 1. “...he had compassion on her” (v. 13)
 - 2. His heart went out to her
 - 3. Jesus feels your pain
 - 4. “He was deeply moved in Spirit and troubled” (John 11:33)
 - 5. “The Lord is compassionate” (Exodus 34:6)

- 6. He's the same today
- C. In His Words
 - 1. "He said unto her, "weep not" (v. 13)
 - 2. Literally "stop crying"
 - 3. Why would Jesus tell her not to cry?
 - 4. "He wipes away tears by removing the cause" – F.B. Meyer
 - 5. "But I would not have you..." (1 Thessalonians 4:13)

IV. The Great Power of Our Lord (Luke 7:14-15)

- A. The miracle Jesus performed was not in response to a prayer or faith
 - 1. It was out of His own compassionate heart
 - 2. The touch (v. 14)
 - a) It meant becoming ceremonially unclean
 - b) Two enemies meet—Jesus, the Prince of Life, came to conquer death
 - c) It's a picture
 - 1. (1 Corinthians 15:54-55)
 - 3. The command (v. 14)
 - a) Jesus speaks to the boy's cold corpse
 - 1. The power of His Word
 - 2. Jesus, the Lord of Life
 - 3. Illustration- Lazarus comes forth
 - 4. The obedience (v. 15)
 - a) And he that was dead (truly dead)
 - b) Sat up and began to speak
 - 1. What did he say
 - c) And he delivered him to his mother
 - 1. It's a picture (1 Thessalonians 3:13-18)
 - a. Resurrection of dead saints' bodies
 - b. Rapture of the living saints
 - c. Reunion of all saints

V. Jesus Greater Than the Prophets (Luke 7:16-17)

- A. "And there came a fear on all..." (v. 16)
 - 1. Fear gripped them all or took hold of them
- B. "They glorified God" (v. 16)
 - 1. They saw God's power
- C. They said, "that a great prophet is risen up among us" (v. 16)
 - 1. Illustration- Elijah (1 Kings 17)
 - 2. God had visited his people
 - 3. They needed revelation to know He was Christ, the Son of God
- D. "The report of Him spread" (v. 17)

VI. Conclusion

- A. Jesus is awesome in His compassion
 - 1. He knows, He loves, He cares

2. He is the helper for the helpless
 3. He gives hope to the hurting
- B. Jesus is awesome in His power
1. He's the same today
 2. Power to save, forgive, heal
 3. God has visited His people
 4. Jesus can give you the hope of eternal life