

## Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Road Map  
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Luke 7:11-17  
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### See and rely on the Lord who raises the dead!

Put yourself just outside Nain - among the 2 crowds

- ♦ Lots of eyewitnesses for Luke to later interview: *What did you see?*
- ♦ Did Luke visit Nain to interview the *no longer young man of Nain*?
- ♦ Did others who heard the reports and came by to see the raised man

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#### ❖ Be convicted by the realities. He's the Lord!

- ♦ Death struck this woman twice - left alone, vulnerable
- ♦ Jesus' compassion - heart went out to her in her pitiful condition
- ♦ Jesus again demonstrates the power of his word
  - As the Centurion testified: *say the word ...my servant ... be healed*
  - *Young man, I say to you, get up!* Like waking a sleeping youth
  - *The dead man sat up and began to talk...*
  - The Lord raised him. He belonged to him. *He gave him back ...*
- ♦ The crowd who knew he was dead testify to this reality.
- ♦ What will you do with this? *Novelty* or *notable* / *curiosity* or *convicted*
- ♦ Confess: **Jesus is the Lord**. Compassionate powerful Helper
  - *God has come to help his people.*
  - Fact: No one but Jesus can do this. (Some did it in **his** name.)

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#### ❖ Relish relying on his compassion and power. He's my Lord!

- ♦ What was the impact on the eyewitnesses?
  - *They were all filled with awe and praised God.*
  - No doubt this lasted for some, but faded for others.
- ♦ What about you? Don't stop with *the Lord*. Confess **my Lord**.
  - **Recognize** that the heart that went out to this woman **pities us**.
  - His cross and resurrection lead us to this unwavering conviction.

- Jesus' heart goes out to us every day, seeing our pitiful condition
  - ♦ Our weakness, challenges in life, foolishness, blindness, stubbornness, cruising through life half asleep, denial/avoidance
  - ♦ Condition of living under the curse, outside and internal threats
  - ♦ The ancient church teaches us to relish & rely on his compassion
    - *Kyrie: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, Lord have mercy.*
    - Knowing his compassion, I rely on it with confidence & hope!
- Jesus has the power to save me from death!
  - ♦ The power to raise the dead - addresses the heart of the problem.
  - ♦ *As soon as you eat ... you will die.* = separated from the Lord/Life
  - ♦ *The wages of sin is death.*
  - ♦ As long as I contend with sin I need to be rescued from death.
  - ♦ Jesus paid for all my sins and has the power to raise me to life.
  - ♦ All who see their **sin/death reality** relish relying on **my Lord**
    - The Kyrie is the breath of the believer
    - I am protected under the authority of **my Lord**.

#### ❖ Grow Christ-like in your compassion.

- ♦ Those who relish his compassion grow in Christ-like compassion.
- ♦ Avoid the 2 perverted extremes
  - *Bleeding heart liberals/Christian* - deal with surface pain/problems
    - ♦ *Painting over mold* - still leaves the toxins
  - *Cold hearted conservatives*: You caused the problem. Fix it yourself.
    - ♦ Compassion sees the powerless of the pitiful condition.
- ♦ Wise compassion sees the heart of the problem and addresses it.
  - Christ reached out unconditionally showing care to draw us to him.
  - Christians show Christ's compassion, being well schooled in seeing the sin source, eager to point people to the Lord so they can...

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