





¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴ 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." ¹⁵ So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

¹⁶ Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people." ¹⁷ And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.

Two Groups of People



- Jesus goes from the highest in authority (Centurion) and his group to likely the lowest (widow) and her group
- Some were following Jesus, others following a grieving widow
- Jesus was heading into the city, others were heading to the cemetery
- Jesus' group desired to be there, some in the other group did not
- Some were singing a victory song and others a dirge

Two “Only Sons”



- This was her only son (:12); God sent His (John 3:16)
- Jesus knows about the “ands” of life
- Some may have made false assumptions (c.f. John 9)
- God’s only Son profoundly changes her life
- *“When the Lord saw her He felt compassion for her”*

Two Sorrowers



- Jesus felt what she felt: *When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.” (NIV)*
- Jesus was a *“man of sorrows, acquainted with grief”*
- Jesus always is more concerned for the suffering and hurt of others than His own.

Two Enemies



- Death is an enemy to all men but the Lord gives life
- A great prophet has arisen among us-like Elijah! (I Kings 17:24 *“now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth”*)
- *“God has visited His people!”*-not just a casual “pop-in” He changes our circumstances (c.f. James 1:27 *“visit orphans and widows in their trouble”*)

“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!”

Isaiah 49:15