

Life to the Full Series  
Week 6 outline  
March 20, 2022  
Luke 7:11-17

## **The Day Jesus Stopped Death In Its Tracks**

Life to the Full is a Life of Compassion

### **I. A City Called Beautiful** (vs 11)

*11 Soon afterward Jesus went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large crowd.*

- A. Nain was a small easily forgotten village off the beaten path
  - a small farming village, easily forgotten by most
- B. Jesus walks into town
  - His disciples with him and a large crowd followed him

### **II. A Woman in Mourning** (vs 12)

*12 Now as He approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizable crowd from the city was with her.*

- A. Feeling forgotten and Broken hearted
- B. Hopelessly alone and Burdened with the weight of a tremendous loss
- C. Robbed by the tragic death of her only son

...THIS WOULD BE THE DAY JESUS STOPPED DEATH IN ITS TRACKS

### **III. A Traffic Jam with Jesus** (vs 13-15)

*13 When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her and said to her, "Do not go on weeping." 14 And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!" 15 And the dead man sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother.*

- A. **Jesus Sees** ...*"when the Lord saw her"*
  - Jesus sees what is easily forgotten
- B. **Jesus Feels** ...*"He felt compassion"*
  - Jesus feels for the broken hearted
- C. **Jesus Speaks** ...*"He said to her"*
  - Jesus speaks into the greatest of sorrow
- D. **Jesus Touches** ...*"He came up and touched the coffin"*
  - Jesus takes hold of the coffins we carry
- E. **Jesus Gives** ...*"Jesus gave him back"*
  - Jesus gives back the life that has been stolen

#### IV. A Life of Compassion in Jesus (vs 16-17)

16 Fear gripped them all, and they began glorifying God, saying, "A great prophet has appeared among us!" and, "God has visited His people!" 17 And this report about Him spread throughout Judea and in all the surrounding region.

##### A. Compassion is Greater than our Empathy

1. What stops us from being compassionate people?
  - a. We get hurried and don't see the needs in front of us as we go
  - b. We aren't prepared for moments of opportunity
  - c. We forget the compassion of Jesus given to us, or don't think others are deserving of our compassion
  - d. We get overwhelmed and don't believe we can make a difference
2. Compassion is when the understanding of another's experience is met with the willingness to do something about it -Harvard Business Review
  - a. Pity: "I feel sorry for you"
  - b. Sympathy: "I feel for you"
  - c. Empathy: "I feel with you"
  - d. Compassion: "I am here to help"

##### B. Compassion Calls us to Action

1. Compassion Means We Walk
  - ...We Walk When We're Tempted to Run
  - See the world from 3mph rather than 60mph
2. Compassion Means We Listen
  - ...We Listen To the Holy Spirit's Lead
  - **Jn 5:19** "the Son can do nothing by himself, he can do only what he sees his Father doing"
  - We can't give away what we don't have
3. Compassion Means We Do
  - ...We Do For One What We Wish We Could Do For Many
  - It's not our job to fill everyone's cup; it's our job to empty ours
  - **2 Timothy 4:6** "For I am already being poured out like a drink offering"

##### C. Compassion Points Others Towards Jesus

1. Compassion leads to Glorification
  - "Fear gripped them all, and they began glorifying God"
2. Compassion leads to Realization
  - "saying, "A great prophet has appeared among us!" and, "God has visited His people!"
3. Compassion leads to Proclamation
  - "And this report about Him spread throughout Judea and in all the surrounding region."