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THE OIRACLES OF JESUS

DESPAIR MEETING HOPE



Jesus Raises the Son of the Widow of Nain Luke 7:11-17

INTRODUCTION

• Despair is a crushing weight that seemingly squeezes the life out of us.



- One person said, "Losing your life is not the worst thing that can happen to you. The worst thing that can happen to you is to lose your reason for living."
- SERMON LESSON: The fact that Christ has power to give life gives us hope in spite of despair--no matter how bad our circumstances may look.



SCENE #1: THE WIDOW'S CONDITION

• SHE WAS A WIDOW

- This was a difficult condition
- This was a desperate condition
- SHE HAS LOST HER ONLY SON
 - This was a double blow to her life
 - This was a devastating blow to her life
 - This was a depressing blow to her life
- SHE WAS NOW LOOKED UPON AS CURSED BY GOD
 - False implication: she must have committed a hideous sin
 - False intimidation: She would therefore be the subject of gossip, ridicule, and suspicion.



SCENE #2: THE LORD'S COMPASSION

• THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS COMPASSION



- THE CHARACTER OF HIS COMPASSION
 - Definition: Compassion means that we sympathize with another's distress and misfortune.
 - Demonstration: However, the compassion of Jesus was more than just a detached concern that offered nothing more than kind words, it was a willingness to do something (e.g., an example for us).



THE CONDUCT OF HIS COMPASSION



- Note carefully: Before you complain about the fact that Jesus did not stop the death of your loved one, or restore one of your loved ones to life, or bless you in some way that you wanted, consider this: Jesus did not stop His own death!!
 - The Lord has had, and still has compassion on all of us, and has blessed us in a multitude of ways (this is called common grace).
 - The Lord's compassion is what lead Him to sacrifice
 His life for us

THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST FOR US ALL



SCENE #3: THE CROWD'S COMMENTARY

- FEAR CAME UPON ALL (e.g., they were in awe of the miracle)
- THE PEOPLE GLORIFIED GOD
- THE REPORT ABOUT JESUS WENT THROUGHOUT ALL JUDEA AND ALL THE SURROUNDING REGION
- The problem: Many did not put their trust in Jesus (e.g., the people saw Jesus as a miracle working prophet, nothing more)

A CHALLENGE FOR YOU Are you living in hope or hopelessness? Because Jesus gives life, He gives hope.



RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOUR TODAY!!



- Acknowledge that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, <u>died</u> on the cross for your sin, and that He <u>arose</u> again from the dead on the third day.
- 2. Admit that you are a sinner, guilty of sin and responsible and accountable to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
- **3. Accept** the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.