



Sunday 9 January 2022

Luke 7:11-17

JESUS COMPASSION AND POWER!

Introduction:

HAPPY NEW YEAR Church Families!

Praise God for this new year and we are here this morning to hear the power of the Gospel.

This new year is all about JESUS! Holy Spirit speak to us this morning.

As we continue our journey in the Gospel of Luke I just wanted to do a quick recall from the last sermon that Neville preached and lead on to our passage this morning.

- Luke 7:1-10 – The Faith of the Centurion

⁹When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, **“I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel.”**

As I reflect on this message I am encouraged by the Centurion’s great faith. I pray that this new year will be a year we have great faith in God.

Jesus healed the Centurion’s servant because of his great faith and our passage this morning is Jesus raised the dead to life.

This morning we will look at Jesus compassion and power.

Reading:

Luke 7:11-17

Jesus Raises a Widow's Son

¹¹ Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. ¹² As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, **“Don't cry.”**

¹⁴ Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, **“Young man, I say to you, get up!”** ¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

¹⁶ They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” ¹⁷ This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country. (Luke 7:11-17, NIV)

As I read this passage I think of Luke 2:49 And He said to them, **“Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?” (NKJV)**

Jesus about His Father's business. We are here this morning to do God's business, we here this morning to hear what God will speak to us through the power of His Word. Are you about your Father's business? Am I about my Father's business? Let this new year be a year that it's all about our Father's business. To do God's will.

“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work, (John 4:34, NIV).

Jesus is about his father's business and doing God's will in Luke 7:11-17. After the healing in Luke 7:1-10. “Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him.” After the healing in Capernaum Jesus is on his way to Nain for another divine appointment, for God's purpose and He is on his way to do God's will. He is always about His Father's business.

Let's learn more about our Lord Jesus Christ! Get to know our Jesus more and more! ITS ALL ABOUT JESUS.

Let's look at three points:

1. The Heart of Jesus

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Jesus saw the widow and his heart went out to her. Full of love and compassion.

The widow's situation was very serious. She had lost her husband, and now her only son had died – her last means of support, her protection and provider. It seems all hope is lost for the widow but Jesus came to bring hope to the hopeless.

It is not a coincidence that Jesus is on his way to Nain it is for a divine appointment. It is for God's purpose and to do His Father's will.

- Jesus saw the widow

Jesus saw her pain and his heart went out to her

- Jesus heart went out to her (overflowed with compassion)

A heart full of love and compassion.

- Jesus comfort her

“Don't cry”. A comforting Saviour.

Jesus saw her, he knew her circumstances, his heart went out to her and he cares for her.

Take To Heart

- God sees you
- God knows you
- God loves you
- God cares for you

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life, (John 3:16, NIV)

Take this to heart! God sees you. No matter what you are going through God sees you. God knows you. He knows your situation, he knows what you are going through. God loves you and he cares for you.

We have a Saviour who came to help the hurt. We have a Saviour who came to bring hope to the hopeless. We have a Saviour who loves us so much and He cares.

2. The Power Of Jesus

¹⁴ Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. *He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!”* ¹⁵ *The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.*

Jesus has the power to give life!

“Young man, I say to you, get up!”

Jesus speak life to a death situation!

The healing of the Centurion’s servant – Jesus spoke from a distance and He was healed and here Jesus said “I say to you, get up!”.

Jesus has the power to give life!

Maybe you going through a situation that feels like out of your control and it seems like a death situation, I want to encourage you this morning, Jesus has the POWER to give life. There is power in the name of Jesus to break every chain. Come to Jesus!

The power of Jesus Word “Young man, I say to you, get up!” and the dead was raised to LIFE!

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone!

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?”, (1 Corinthians 15:55, NIV).

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”, (John 11:43, NIV)

Jesus has the power to give life!

Take To Heart:

Know who you belong to

- All-Powerful God (Omnipotent)
- All-Knowing God (Omniscient)

He has the power to give life

When you meet Jesus transformation happened!

Two different crowd met at the gate in the little of Nain

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Large crowd was following Jesus after seeing the miracle in Capernaum

Another large crowd from the town followed a funeral procession.

One coming in following Jesus and one going out mourning and weeping!

When they met Jesus transformation happened.

- Jesus turned their mourning into praise
- Jesus turned their weeping into joy
- Jesus raised the dead to life
- Jesus brings hope to the hopeless
- Jesus restored the broken-hearted

He saw the widow and he was moved in compassion and transformation happened. **THE POWER OF JESUS!**

This Story Illustrates Our Salvation

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, . . . ⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, (Ephesians 2:1, 4-6,)

Just as the widow's son was dead. The whole world was dead in sin. Just as Jesus had compassion on the widow and raised his son to life, God had compassion on us, and he sent Jesus to raise us to life with him.

Thank you Jesus!

3. The Respond To Jesus

¹⁶ They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.”¹⁷ This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

- They were all filled with awe
- They praised God
- They spread the news about Jesus

This is the right respond to Jesus! To give praise, glory and honour to Jesus and to tell others about JESUS.

Happy Moments
Praise God
Difficult Moments
Seek God
Quiet Moments
Worship God
Painful Moments
Trust God
Every Moment
Thank God

- *Pastor Rick Warren*

Application:

He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!”

GET UP!

- Praise God
- Follow Jesus
- Rejoice in the God of our Salvation
- Tell others about JESUS

It's 2022 and God is saying to us GET UP!

Get up and praise God, Get up and follow Jesus, get up and rejoice in the God of our Salvation, get up and serve God, get up and be about our Father's business, get up and do God's will for you, get up and TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS.