

***It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.***

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

**Hebrews 4:12** For the Word of God is alive and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword. . .

**Luke 7:11-19** soon afterwards He went to a city called Nain; . . .

- - **Timeline** - -

1. The Lord concludes His Sermon on the Mount. **Matt.8:1; Luke 7:1**

Remember that the Sermon was meant to train the disciples specifically about the principles concerning His Kingdom that would be established. This training would prepare them for being sent out to teach others about the Kingdom – *force multipliers.*

The Sermon on the Mount kicks off His 2<sup>nd</sup> Galilean Ministry.

2. The Lord travels to Capernaum and heals the Centurion's slave. That is done by exercising His sovereign omnipotence. **Matt. 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10**

*A testimony to who He was*

. . . and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large crowd. <sup>12</sup> Now as He approached the gate of the city, a **dead man** was being carried out. . .

**Carried out** - ἐκκομίζω – EKKOMIZO – “To carry a corpse to its burial site; a funeral procession”



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**Dead man** - θνήσκω – THNESKO – “Certifiably dead”

This man was dead with no hope apart from God stepping in and exercising His authority over death!

. . . the **only** son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her.



This scene has two crowds on a collision course -

**Crowd One** – Hopeless; mourning over the loss of an only son – being led by the mother

**Crowd Two** – Having hope! Rejoicing in the Lord's presence, anticipating the Kingdom's establishment – being led by the Lord

<sup>13</sup> When the Lord saw her, He felt **compassion** for her, and said to her, "Do not weep."

**Compassion** – **σπλαγχνίζομαι** – **SPLAGCHNIZOMAI** – *A deep feeling of sympathy for someone or something*

**Isaiah 61:1-2** The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the favorable year of the LORD and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn,

POD – The Lord has compassion for us when we grieve or are broken-hearted.

"Do not weep." – *"Do not go on weeping"*

POD – The Lord does not issue commands: (a) that we are unable to fulfill; (b) that He has not provided the grace required for us to fulfill; or (c) that He does not enable us to fulfill.

*The Lord is going to provide the grace for this widow to "not go on weeping."*

<sup>14</sup> And He came up and touching the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!"

According to Rabbinic Tradition this is considered the worst kind of defilement.

<sup>15</sup> **The dead man sat up. . .**

**Luke 16:19-31** "Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day. <sup>20</sup> "And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> and longing to be fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores. <sup>22</sup> "Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> "In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. <sup>24</sup> "And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.' <sup>25</sup> "But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.' <sup>27</sup> "And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father's house-- <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers--in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup> "But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' <sup>30</sup> "But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!' <sup>31</sup> "But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'"

*The dead cannot obey anyone except the sovereign God of the universe.*

*The wind and sea do not obey anyone except the sovereign God of the universe.*

POD – When you find yourself grieving over hopeless circumstances, be comforted in knowing the Lord has compassion for you. Then, turn to Him in prayer, “casting your anxiety upon Him.” WAIT for His deliverance with hope!

<sup>15</sup> The dead man sat up **and began to speak**. And Jesus gave him back to his mother.

*Trusting in the Lord is progressive.*

<sup>16</sup> Fear gripped them all, and they began glorifying God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and, "God has visited His people!"

Only God can turn things around in your life as you turn to Him in faith and in prayer!

God does not expect you to fulfill things in life beyond the grace and enabling power that only He can give you.

*“My grace is sufficient for you.”*

Hundreds of years before this event, two great prophets functioned - Elijah and Elisha.

Note the accounts of Elijah [**1 Kings 17:17-22**] and Elisha [**2 Kings 4:32-37**].

<sup>17</sup> This report concerning Him went out all over Judea and in all the surrounding district. <sup>18</sup> The disciples of John reported to him about all these things. <sup>19</sup> Summoning two of his disciples, John sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?"

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*All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.*