

Jesus Encounter— The widow of Nain

Timing is *everything!*

Luke 7:11-17--- A city in Galilee, southeast of Nazareth 6 miles or so, now a village, mostly occupied by Muslims.

The day after Jesus raises the Centurion's servant, Jesus has this encounter.

- : Jesus comes into town**, is greeted by a funeral procession
- : The bereaved was a widow**
- : The deceased** was her only living son
- : A large crowd** was with her (indicating she was possibly influential?)
- : Jesus (vs 13) object of compassion focused on *her***, not him, and calmed her
- : Jesus *did not wait*** to be asked
- : Jesus just touched the casket**, not the body
- : Speaks to the body**, “Young man, **I tell you**, arise”.
- : The body responds--** starts talking!
- : Jesus presents** (‘reintroduces’) **him** to his mother
- : Amazement *and fear***—the proper response is achieved

--Q and A--

< **How does the timing (*Jesus entering, they are exiting*) of this miracle**

strike you? When is an accident an accident? Ps. 31:15

< **5 times in NT it says ‘Jesus had compassion’, this being one.**

:How does that match up with Galatians 5:6?

: Does your attitude toward the person matter?

: Can faith work without compassion?

< **How many people got their lives back by this miracle, and how can answers to your prayers affect others—‘*God grenades*’?**

: Innocent bystanders? See vs 16, 17

< **What ‘accidents’ in your life have proven to be God’s timing, whether or not the results seemed positive *at the time*?**

“But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.” Luke 6:27-28

