

WIDOWS OF THE BIBLE

WIDOW OF NAIN: LESSON EIGHT

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"And he delivered him to his mother." Luke 7:15b

Jesus restored the young man to his mother. The widow was probably weeping again, but they were tears of joy this time. Her precious son was alive! Surely she embraced him. She probably checked him over, like any mother would do. "How do you feel?" she'd ask, taking his temperature the mommy way with her hand. Speaking words of reassurance she removed the chin strap and cap and loosened the bindings.

The men may have lowered the bier so that the son could stand up, hold and comfort his mother. Or, perhaps, the bindings were too tight to allow the man to stand and walk. It could be that he was carried back to his house - sort of a reverse non-funeral procession. There he could remove the burial garments and put on his own clothes. Thanks to Jesus this funeral had reversed course and returned to the state of life.

The weeping and wailing was replaced with laughter and shouts of joy. The widow's house was filled with people, as was the street outside. No one would get any work done that day. Everyone was at the widow's house celebrating the return of her son. Jesus and his disciples probably joined in the festivities. Here was a ready-made audience for Jesus to speak to. The people from Capernaum likely joined the celebration. They would have told the people of Nain all about the things they had seen Jesus do.

Jesus can do the impossible. He has the power to make things right. He has the power to restore what was lost. Sometimes He does that. If you or a loved one has been ill or injured Jesus can restore good health. If you have suffered financial reversals or lost your job Jesus can turn the tide in your favor. Jesus can make all things right. Ask for what you need in faith believing that He will do what is best for you. The answer to your prayer may not come in the form you expected or, even, wanted. But He can turn your weeping into joy if you give Him the chance.

"Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:24