

We live in a world of pain. The headlines in the news are bad enough, but they only scratch the surface. There are broken hearts, emotional wounds, physical aches, and deep grief all around us. But today's scripture passage illustrates how quickly Jesus can mend broken hearts and deep wounds. Let's look at the passage and learn from this story how Jesus can be our compassionate friend when we hurt.

I. The widow's _____. (vv. 11-12)

A. This woman was really _____.

B. Two crowds met outside the city that day: a _____ procession and a _____ celebration.

II. Jesus' _____. (vv. 13-15)

A. Jesus was immediately ______ to this woman's pain.

B. Jesus performed a spectacular _____.

III. The crowd's _____. (vv. 16-17)

A. The people from ______ groups were _____ at this boy being raised from the dead.

B. Jesus is a special friend because he doesn't just ______ us in our troubles, but he ______ the problem.