

When We Hurt, God Hurts

Luke 7:11–17

What Does The Bible Say?

11 Soon afterward Jesus went with his disciples to the village of Nain, and a large crowd followed him. (Luke 7:11 NLT)

12 A funeral procession was coming out as he approached the village gate. The young man who had died was a widow's only son, and a large crowd from the village was with her. (Luke 7:12 NLT)

13 When the Lord saw her, his heart overflowed with compassion. "Don't cry!" he said. (Luke 7:13 NLT)

What does this passage say about Jesus?

When we hurt, Jesus hurts.

The woman shows no faith.

58 And so he did only a few miracles there because of their unbelief. (Matthew 13:58 NLT)

5 And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. (Mark 6:5 NLT)

14 Then he walked over to the coffin and touched it, and the bearers stopped. "Young man," he said, "I tell you, get up."

15 Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! And Jesus gave him back to his mother. (Luke 7:14–15 NLT)

16 Great fear swept the crowd, and they praised God, saying, "A mighty prophet has risen among us," and "God has visited his people today." 17 And the news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding countryside. (Luke 7:16–17 NLT)

How Can You Obey?

Understand the power God has to raise you from the dead.

Take your faith to a saving faith.

What is your takeaway?

Additional Notes:

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Explore:

Christianity is about more than attending church and living a good moral life. Being a Christian is about having a vibrant personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Every Sunday School teacher or Bible study leader should want to see each learner enter into this relationship—their eternal destiny depends on it.

As you work toward this goal, keep the following in mind:

Following Christ is more than a mere decision; it is about a lifelong relationship. Jesus called us to make disciples, not mere decision-makers. Aim for long-term faith, not momentary emotion.

Salvation is a matter of grace, not works. Our works do not save us (Ephesians 2:8-9), nor do they keep us (Galatians 3:2-6).

Good works are a product of salvation, not a prerequisite to it.

Don't confuse sanctification with salvation. Holiness follows salvation; it doesn't precede it. Don't try to impose "Christian" expectations on men and women who don't know Christ.

- Keep it simple. Being born again is not complicated. Here's a simple way to explain it:

- Acknowledge your sinfulness and need for a Savior (Romans 3:10, 23).

- Trust in Christ's sacrifice for your sins and His resurrection (Romans 10:9-10).

Surrender your life to God's transforming power (Romans 12:1-2).

Remember that your job is to tell the truth in a way others can understand, answer their questions, and allow them to respond.

If you do that faithfully, some will respond and join the band of Christ- followers. When they do, Heaven will rejoice!

Question 1 of 4

How does our faith help us during times of grief?

Question 2 of 4

What unique needs do widows have? How can Jesus use you to minister to widows? How can such ministry bring forth praise and reverence to God?

Question 3 of 4

Why do you think that Jesus did not do more miracles in His hometown of Nazareth?

Question 4 of 4

Do you think your grief and pain move Jesus? Why or why not?