



Stirring Up Your Kingdom Hunger Luke 7:11-17

May hunger be stirred for the dead to be raised!

¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak...

Text Message:

o Jesus at this time is in a town called Nain (Verse 11). This is the only time this town is mentioned in the entire Bible, and it means, “beautiful.”

- o We can look at this miracle of the dead-coming to-life both in a physical sense and in a spiritual sense.
- o First, let's look at the physical, as in God/Jesus literally and physically raising dead people back to life.
- o Which of the following statements do you believe about God physically raising the dead? None? One? Both?
 - I believe that God can raise the dead to life.*
 - I believe that God does raise the dead to life.*
- o A fair question: *Why aren't more dead people raised?*
- o One answer: Unfortunately, resurrection from the dead does not automatically result in belief! (Luke 16:31; Matt. 28:11-15)
- o Spiritually, the dead are raised in people coming to Jesus **and** this is no less a miracle than for one to be raised physically!

May hunger be stirred for the fear of God!

^{16a} Fear seized them all, and they glorified God...

Text Message:

- o Not surprising that “fear seized them all!”
- o Notice that fear was not the end of the story but

the people glorifying God!

- o In the Greek text, it is not fear seizing the people, but the people glorifying God that is emphasized!
- o The verb “glorified” (δοξαζω, *doxazo*) here is in the Greek imperfect tense, which means the people kept glorifying God, showing no signs of stopping!
- o *Can you imagine being in such an environment!*
- o May we hunger for God to be feared and glorified again!
- o This is not something that only happened in Bible times!
- o Historic experiences of the fear of God:
 - 1) “The house was often so full of the divine presence that ungodly men trembled terror-stricken...”
 - 2) “Quite suddenly, upon one and another came an overwhelming sense of the reality and awesomeness of His presence and of eternal things.”
 - 3) “... the town seemed to be full of the presence of God.” Brian H. Edwards, *Revival: A People Saturated with God*
- o *There is more of God to be experienced than what we’ve experienced so far! May we hunger for more of God!*

May hunger be stirred for a heaven-sent visitation!

^{16b} ... “God has visited his people!” ¹⁷ And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

Text Message:

- o What an amazing statement this is!*
- o May God give us hunger for this!*
- o We can enjoy our worship, be inspired, and appreciate a sermon but **there is more!**
- o Remember, this is not a “let’s all feel guilty and go home feeling bad” sermon but a “let’s get hungry for more of God and an experience His kingdom `on earth as it is in heaven!”