

**The Miracles of Jesus**  
**Pastor Charles B. Jackson, Sr., Presenter**

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*Miracle: "A Happening with Which Human Reasoning Has Yet To Catch Up."*

-Dr. William Augustus Jones

**Miracle #11 – Jesus Raises a Widow’s Son in Nain**

**Luke 7:11-17**

- **Luke 7:11-13**

This miracle is one of three recorded in the Scriptures of Jesus raising the dead - A child; Jairus' daughter, an older man; Lazarus and a young man; the son of a widow. This young man was **"the only son of his mother."** It is significant to point out the seriousness of her having lost her only son. She had no other children. For her to lose her son was to undermine the future of her family and jeopardize the strength of her community.

Not only was he her only son, but the mother was a widow. A wife was vulnerable in the days of Jesus. While her husband lived, he assumed the responsibility of support. When he died, responsibility for her keeping was left to the oldest son. If there were no children, the wife was on her own. The problem was complicated in this case by the fact that in first century Judaism, women could not inherit property from their husbands. Whatever was owned by the husband, if no sons were living; their property was passed on to their brother or nephews.

- **II Thessalonians 3:6-10**

When Jesus saw her crying, He had compassion on her. It is easy to understand how Jesus was moved with compassion. The word compassion means sensitive, sympathetic, empathetic, grave concern or genuine care. This miracle makes known to us that Jesus is not only the Supreme Sympathizer, but the unequalled empathizer.

- **Isaiah 53:3-5**
- **Luke 7:14-17**

Jesus walked over and touched the stretcher upon which the dead young man was lying. He said to the young man **"arise."** The young man did something that dead folks are not supposed to do. He **"sat up and began to speak."**

When the people saw it, they glorified God and began to compare Him with the prophets of Elijah and Elisha, both of whom raised children from the dead.

- **Elijah – I Kings 17:17-24**
- **Elisha – II Kings 4:17-20; 32-35**

There is a significant difference in the description of the miracles of the prophets and Jesus. Elijah and Elisha prayed, waited and even stretched themselves out on the dead bodies before their return to life. They looked to God to perform the miracles. Jesus did not have to appeal to God. He was the Son of God who had invested in Him all the powers of God. Christ had power in Himself to raise the dead, because He was God.

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Bible Study will **NOT** be held next Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, but will resume Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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