

Reflection Sunday: "This Report About Him Spread"

Luke 7:11-17 ▪ Sunday, May 25, 2025 ▪ Nick Braitto

Jesus' _____ **Compassion.** (7:11-14a)

Jesus' _____ **Power.** (7:14b-15)

Jesus' _____ **Fame.** (7:16-17)

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¹¹ Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." 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, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" ¹⁷ And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country. (ESV)

Personal Reflection or Group Discussion Questions

Open: If you were present in our Reflection Service this week, what is a reflection shared by someone that stood out to you? If you didn't get a chance to share, what's something (perhaps a verse, a lesson, or an example) from Luke 2:29-7:10 that has especially impressed you, challenged you, or encouraged you as we've been working through this section?

Read & Discuss: Luke 7:11-17

1. This passage opens with Jesus and "a great crowd" arriving in Nain, where they encounter a funeral procession (v. 11). Imagine you were the widow in verse 12. What might you have been feeling and thinking as you walked in this procession before Jesus showed up?
2. What do verses 13-14a reveal about the character and compassion of Jesus? What is significant about Jesus taking the initiative in this moment, rather than being called upon? Where else in the book of Luke have we observed Jesus demonstrating compassion?
3. Jesus then gives a direct command to the dead man: "Young man, I say to you, arise" (verse 14b). What does this bold action demonstrate about Jesus' power? How does this miracle stand out compared to other forms of healing?
4. After the young man sits up and begins to speak, the people respond with "fear" (v. 16). Why would they experience "fear"? What other emotions do you suppose they might have experienced? Given that it's likely the people experienced other emotions as well, why might Luke have highlighted "fear"? Is "fear" an appropriate response from us to the work of God? Why or why not?
5. Verse 16 also tells us that after witnessing Jesus' actions, the people proclaimed, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" What do these declarations tell us about their understanding of who Jesus is and what He was doing among them at that moment?
6. Verse 17 states, "And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country." What qualities of Jesus' compassion and power might have compelled people to speak about Jesus and to spread news of Him so widely? How can we do something similar today?

Apply: What personal insights or takeaway does this account of Jesus in Nain offer you about Jesus' character or power? Are there any situations in your life that need to be touched by the compassion and power of Jesus? What will you do about it?

Pray: Ask God to give us great comfort in Jesus' character and great confidence in Jesus' power—and to, like the people of Nain, do all we can to see that a proper knowledge of Jesus spreads out from us.