

# When God Visited His People

(Luke 7:11-17)

In the verses above, we find Jesus at an interesting point in His life. Due to His miraculous ability, He is becoming popular throughout Judea and Galilee. As Jesus and His group travel into Nain, they run into a funeral procession. A young man has died and is being taken to be buried. Jesus touches the coffin and raised him from the dead!

The people who saw this were stunned! They responded with fear and glorified God, calling Jesus a prophet and said “God has visited His people.” This statement is interesting. We actually find similar language being used throughout the Bible.

## Other occasions when God visited His people:

- In the days of **Moses** (Exodus 3:16)
- In the days of **Ruth** (Ruth 1:6)
- In the days of Jesus among those in Jerusalem (Luke 19:44)

The people recognized when God (literally in Jesus) had visited them! The question is: what happened? What did these people witness concerning God on this occasion?

### I. An act of **compassion** (Luke 7:12-13)

- A. The woman in the story is in a very bad situation.
  1. She is a **widow**.
  2. She is now going to **bury** her only **son**.
  3. She is accompanied by a large **crowd**. These people are comforting her.
- B. Jesus had compassion towards her situation (Luke 7:13).
  1. The Lord also cares about our problems today (1 Peter 5:6-7; Psalm 8:3-5).
  2. What a wonderful thing that is to know!

### II. Real **Power** (Luke 7:14-16)

- A. Jesus touched the coffin and raised the young man up. Only God can do this!
- B. Does this give us confidence that Jesus can...
  1. **Help** us?
  2. **Raise** us? (See Revelation 1:18)
  3. **Save** us? (See Romans 6:23; John 20:30-31)

### III. Something that needed to be **shared** (Luke 7:17)

- A. These people were so excited and impressed with Jesus’ power that they immediately began spreading the word about Him.
  1. We have other examples of this in the Bible (Mark 1:45; 5:19-20; 7:36-37).
  2. Are we just as excited and impressed with the Lord Jesus?
- B. People who are really excited about Jesus and what He has done for them have to **tell others**!

**Conclusion:** Jesus changed these people in Nain. Have you allowed Him to change you?