The Young Man of Nain
Luke 7:11-17

What could have made this woman so upset?
What sometimes makes you upset?

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, grant us Your Holy Spirit as we gather together to study Your Word. Lead us to a true appreciation of the life we have been given through Your Word. As we study today’s lesson, show us the power You have over death. In Jesus, Your Son’s name, we pray. Amen

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Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. (12) And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

(13) When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” (14) Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” (15) So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

(16) Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen up among us”; and, “God has visited His people.”

(17) And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.

Notes:
Recalling Details

1. In what town did this story take place?
2. Who was with Jesus?
3. Why was there such a large crowd?
4. Whom did Jesus meet at the edge of town?
5. Why were they sad?
6. How did Jesus feel toward the mother? Why?
7. What did Jesus tell her?
8. What did Jesus do after talking to the woman?
9. How did Jesus raise the man from the dead?
10. How do we know the man was truly made alive?
11. How did the people react to the miracle?
12. Whom did they think Jesus was?

Outer Aim

Jesus raises the young man of Nain from the dead.

Discussion Questions

1. Why did Jesus choose to raise this man, at this city, at this time?
2. Why were the people mourning the death of this young man?
3. What should our view of death be as Christians?
4. In what ways can our funeral services reflect our view of death?
5. Why could the crowd not see Jesus as the Messiah even after such an impressive miracle?
6. Compare this account to I Kings 17:17-24. How is this resurrection different from the account in Luke?
7. At what other times did Jesus' Word accomplish miracles?
Inner Aim

Jesus' Word of life has the power over even death.

Passages - Read each passage and tell how it applies to the story.

(1 Corinthians 15:55-57) O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? {56} The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. {57} But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Revelation 21:4) And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.

(Matthew 10:28) And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

(John 11:25-26) Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. {26} And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

Hymn

Look at Hymn 193:1,4-6 and tell how these verses apply to our story today.

Prayer

Write a short prayer that fits our story today. Include the ideas of both the Outer Aim and the Inner Aim.