

## The Compassion of Christ

Luke 7:11-17

<sup>11</sup> Soon afterwards He went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large crowd. <sup>12</sup> Now as He approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her. <sup>13</sup> When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, "Do not weep." <sup>14</sup> And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!" <sup>15</sup> The dead man sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother. <sup>16</sup> Fear gripped them all, and they began glorifying God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and, "God has visited His people!" <sup>17</sup> This report concerning Him went out all over Judea and in all the surrounding district.

There are many different viewpoints on Jesus presented throughout the world. Islam recognizes Him as a prophet. Mormonism says Jesus is the created spirit brother of Satan. Jehovah's Witnesses say He is the Archangel Michael in the flesh. Buddhism recognizes Him as one more path among many. The disciples saw Jesus as the Christ (Messiah), Son of the Living God. Multiple times they saw Him display the power of God while He was at work. In this case, they also witnessed His great compassion.

1. Jesus times His visit perfectly.
2. Jesus's compassion was a personal response.  
Zechariah 12:10, Mark 6:34, 8:2, Matthew 14:14, 20:34
3. Jesus doesn't let religion become a barrier.  
Leviticus 21:1, Luke 10:31-32
4. Jesus has the power to produce change.  
Matthew 11:4-5, Mark 5:41, Luke 8:54-55, John 11:43-44
5. Jesus receives praise from the crowd.  
Matthew 9:8, 21:11, Luke 1:68, 5:26