Jesus Gives Life

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INTRODUCTION

- Before we get to our main passage, I want to introduce it briefly by considering a couple of scriptures that give some context to resurrection miracles in the ministry of Jesus.
- Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you receive, freely give.
- From descriptions of Jesus' ministry, we know that he did hundreds, if not thousands, of miracles. But we are told about three specifically.

1 The Context of the Miracle

Luke 7:11–17; Acts 2:22; Acts 10:37–38

- We have this miracle, and it occurs in the town of Nain.
- An entire town would participate in the mourning and burial of someone who had passed away.
- Jesus stopped the procession and raised the young man from the dead in the sight of all people.
- Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs, which God performed through him in your midst, just as you yourselves know.

2 A Great Prophet Has Arisen Among Us

Luke 7:16

- Fear gripped them all, and they began glorifying God, saying, A great prophet has arisen among us, and God has visited his people.
- This is the event of Elisha and the raising of the son of the Shunammite woman.
- This Old Testament town of Shunam was in the vicinity of Nain, no more than a couple miles away, located in the same area of the Jezreel Valley.
- In the Old Testament, there are only three resurrection stories. And this one took place in the very area where this resurrection story takes place.
- And it took him doing this twice to resurrect the child to life.

3 The Compassion and Confidence of Our Lord

Luke 7:13

- In the case of Elisha, the woman sought him out.
- But with Jesus, we are told that he is the one who initiated the action because he saw the mother.
- When the Lord saw her, he felt compassion for her.
- Now we have a woman who has no husband, and the only child who could provide for her is dead.
- It was said in anticipation of his action that would take away the cause of her weeping.

- Here we have the confidence of the Lord, a confidence that even Elisha the great prophet could not possess.

4 The Ultimate Gift of Eternal Life

John 5:24–29

- Truly I say to you, he who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but is passed out of death into life.
- An hour is coming in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and will come forth.
- Those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.
- That's the ultimate gift. We can have eternal life.
- And so on that great day, there will be two different fates.

THE CHALLENGE

Have you received life from Jesus?

MY NOTES