



Title | Compassionate & Capable
Series | So You Can Know For Sure
Text | Luke 7:11-17
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Sermon Notes

Luke 7:11 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

Big Idea:

Luke 7:13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” ESV

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Luke 7:11-17. From verse 12, what factors would have made this situation particularly difficult and tragic for the woman in this story? Think of a hardship you are facing right now. How do you navigate it?

Tuesday:

Read 1 John 3:17. What is the relationship between compassion and godly love? What does this suggest about how God views us and how we should view others?

Wednesday

From the story of Luke 7:11-17. What did the woman do to earn or warrant Jesus' loving compassion? Does Jesus have compassion for all people? Consider Luke 19:41; 23:34; John 3:16. Does the Lord have compassion for you?

Thursday:

Read Luke 7:14-17. To what extent is the Lord able to care for you? As you reflect on this, how does it make you feel? Talk to God about it.

Friday:

The story of Luke 7:11-17 shows that the Lord has both the compassion and the capacity to care for us. He cares, and he can. Therefore, we can be fully assured he will take care of us. Nevertheless, when facing hardships we can't explain, it can seem like the Lord is not taking care of us at all. How do you navigate this?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, when I am facing hardship that I simply can't explain, help me to cling to the truth that you care, and you can. Amen.

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