

“When Jesus Breaks In, He Restores Life”

Luke 7:11-17

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“Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.” - Ephesians 4:3 (NLT)

- **Update on Where We Are**
- **Day 14 – 21 of our Days of Prayer**

Luke 7:11-17 (NIV)

¹¹ “Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and His disciples and a large crowd went along with Him. ¹² As He approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, His heart went out to her and He said, “Don’t cry.”

¹⁴ Then He went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” ¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

¹⁶ They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help His people.” ¹⁷ This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.”

Let’s make at least three observations:

I. v. 12

WHEN JESUS BROKE IN, IT WAS A TIME OF **DEATH .**

The Bible tells us in **Romans 6:23** that *“the wages of sin is death.”*

II. v. 12

WHEN JESUS BROKE IN, IT WAS A TIME OF **DESPAIR .**

III. v. 13-17

WHEN JESUS BROKE IN, IT WAS A TIME TO RESTORE LIFE!

- **Two Groups Met**
- **Two Sons Met**
- **Two Sufferers Met**
- **Two Enemies Met**

v. 12

Jesus's response: He spoke peace to a suffering community.

- Jesus brings us out of death into life.

John 5:24 (NLT) *“I tell you the truth, those who listen to My message and believe in God who sent Me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.”*

- Jesus delivers us from our hopeless condition.

John 8:36 (NIV) *“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”*

- Jesus causes us to demonstrate the characteristics of His life.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”*

John 10:10 (NIV) *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have LIFE, and have it to the full.”*