

Exegetical Notes, Luke 7:11-17

“The City Gate of Nain”

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Verse 11

Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him.

- Nain was a small village about 6 miles southwest of Nazareth. It was about 20 miles south of Capernaum where Jesus healed the centurion's servant.
- A short time after healing the centurion's servant, Jesus apparently went to Nain. His disciples accompanied him as well as a large crowd of people.

Verse 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.

- As Jesus entered the city of Nain a funeral procession was leaving it.
- The dead man was his mother's only son and she was a widow. The implications for the widow are grave. She would now have no one to care or provide for her. Her future was desolate.
- She was accompanied by a large crowd of mourners as Jesus was accompanied by a larger crowd.

Verse 13

When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.”

- Jesus was touched by the woman's circumstances and her grief.

Verse 14-15

Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

- Jesus walked to the front of the funeral procession and addressed the dead man. He commanded the young man, who was dead, to sit up. The man did! Jesus gave him back to his mother alive!

Verse 16-17

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.” This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

- The crowd that was with Jesus, Jesus' disciples, and those who were part of the funeral from Nain were surprised by what Jesus had done. They had no idea that Jesus had such power. They recognized him as a prophet and assumed that his presence indicated a time of God's favor on Israel.
- News of Jesus' raising the young man from the dead spread throughout the area.

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