



PREPARING FOR THE KINGDOM

Awaiting the Defeat of Death

LUKE 7:11-16

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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!" (ESV)

1. Face _____ (vv.11-12)

2. Identify _____ (vv.13-15)

3. Respond _____ (vv.16, 11, 13)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Psalm 39:4-8**. What are some of the benefits of this perspective?
2. Read **Hebrews 2:14-15**. How would you counsel a professing Christian who says he is enslaved to the fear of his own death?
3. Read **John 11:17-27**. In what way is a temporal resurrection of someone by Christ very different than the three temporal resurrections recorded in the Old Testament and the two in the Book of Acts?
4. Read **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**. Based on the truth of this text and its manifestation in your experience, describe some of the ways Christian grieving in these circumstances is truly unique.
5. Read **Psalm 23**. Why is this oft-quoted psalm actually a very appropriate set of truths when we experience the death of a loved one?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

March 23rd

Josh. 9-10 & Lk. 3

March 24th

Josh. 11-13 & Lk. 4:1-32

March 25th

Josh. 14-15 & Lk. 4:33-44

March 26th

Josh. 16-18 & Lk. 5:1-16

March 27th

Josh. 19-20 & Lk. 5:17-39

March 28th

Josh. 21-22 & Lk. 6:1-26

March 29th

Josh. 23-24 & Lk. 6:27-49

March 30th

Judg. 1-2 & Lk. 7:1-30

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. # 04-28 – **Conquering Death, It's the Whole Point**

Msg. # 11-14 – **Why We Actually Believe in the Resurrection**

Msg. # 08-18 – **Gospel Crazy: Confident In Its Veracity**

Msg. # 07-11 – **Hanging On with the Hope of a New Body**

Msg. # 04-31 – **A Closer Look at Post-Resurrection Life**

Msg. # 09-33 – **How the Resurrection Should Transform My Behavior**

Msg. # 07-77 – **Sorting Out the End Times: The Resurrections & Judgments**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Boice, James Montgomery. **The Christ of the Empty Tomb**. P & R Publishing, 2010.

Davis, John J. **What About Cremation? A Christian Perspective**. Pinegrove Publishing, 1998.

Geisler, Norman. **Miracles and the Modern Mind**. Baker Books, 1992.

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Habermas, Gary and J. P. Moreland. **Immortality: the Other Side of Death**. Thomas Nelson, 1992.

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Lewis, C. S. **Miracles: A Preliminary Study**. Macmillan Publishing, 1947.

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Lutzer, Erwin. **The Vanishing Power of Death**. Moody, 2004.

McDowell, Josh. **The Resurrection Factor**. Here's Life Publishers, 1981.

Robinson, Haddon. **Grief: Comfort for Those Who Grieve and Those Who Want to Help**. Discovery House, 2009.

Tada, Joni Eareckson. **Heaven: Your Real Home**. Zondervan, 1997.

Wiersbe, Warren, ed. **Classic Sermons on Suffering**. Kregel Publishing, 1984.