

Questions, Quotes and Notes

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Luke 7:11-17: Jesus and the Weeping Widow

Pre-Sermon: Here are some questions to think about to get you ready to listen to the sermon on Sunday.

1. What do you think is the difference between knowing information about Jesus and believing?

Mid-Sermon:

I want to prove to you that Jesus is able to deal with your fundamental problems and that He is willing so that you will completely entrust yourself to Him by looking at Luke 7:11-17. First, we'll get an idea of how big our problems really are by looking at a weeping widow. Second, we will see how great Jesus is by watching this compassionate king go to work. And then third, we'll talk about the difference this should make in us as we consider the awe-struck audience. But, instead of having you simply focus on listening for an outline, I want to give you some important ideas to listen for. So, as you come to the service, bring a piece of paper and a pen, and see if you can answer these questions as I preach.

1. How much do you struggle with worry and anxiety?
2. What reasons do you normally give for struggling with worry and anxiety?
3. How is seeing Jesus for who He is an important solution to the problem of fear and worry?
4. This story focuses on one particular problem we face as humans. What is that problem?
5. What two questions might we ask as we think about Jesus and this problem of death?
6. What story in the Old Testament is this story connected to? What are the two primary differences between that story and this one?
7. In what ways is the woman's situation in this story so hopeless?
8. What are some of the surprising things about the way Jesus responds to her?
9. What do we learn about Jesus from this story and what difference should that make in us?

Post Sermon:

- Important Cross References and Quotes:
 1. 1 Kings 17
 2. 2 Kings 4
 3. "If there had never been any sin, there never would have been any death, any funerals, any tears. This is the source of all our sorrow."
 4. "If you wanted to sum up the whole of Jesus' ministry in regards to us, you might use the phrase, and he was moved with compassion".

5. "A dramatic confrontation was about to take place, a collision between life and death. An unstoppable force was meeting a seemingly immovable object. The grieving had come out to bury their dead; but when the funeral met Jesus, death had to stop in its tracks. Everyone else had to follow the procession, but Jesus had the authority to bring it to a halt. When he put out his hand, it was as if to say, "Death, you will come this far, but no farther."

- Application: We don't want to be hearers of the word only, but doers. Being a doer usually takes thinking, however. Spend some time thinking about how you can apply what you learned today.

1. What do you think it means to have a "spiritual sight" of Jesus?
2. Have you seen Jesus like this?
3. How were you encouraged by today's message?
4. What did this message challenge you to believe?
5. Is there any way you can worship God as a result of today's message?
6. Is there any way you should be different as a result of what we studied?

- How Well Was I Listening Questions: Here are some questions you can ask your children after listening to the message.

1. What story did we talk about today?
2. What was the problem of the person in this passage?
3. How was everyone responding to that person's problem? How was Jesus' response different?
4. What was different about the way Jesus dealt with this problem and the way Elijah did in the Old Testament? What does that tell us about Jesus?