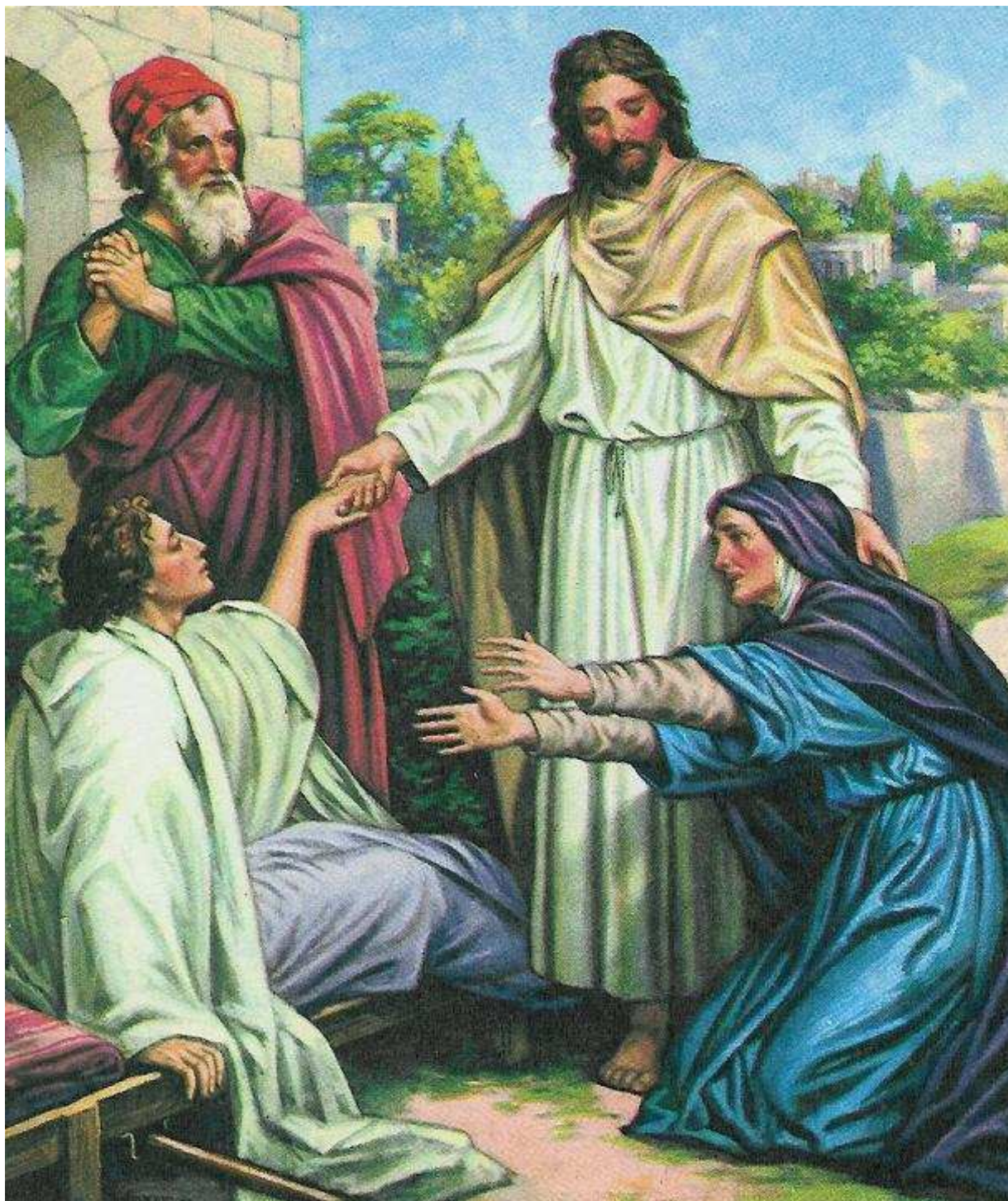


# JESUS RAISES A WIDOW'S SON

*Luke 7:11-17*



***“Soon afterward Jesus went to a town named Nain,  
accompanied by his disciples and a large crowd.”***

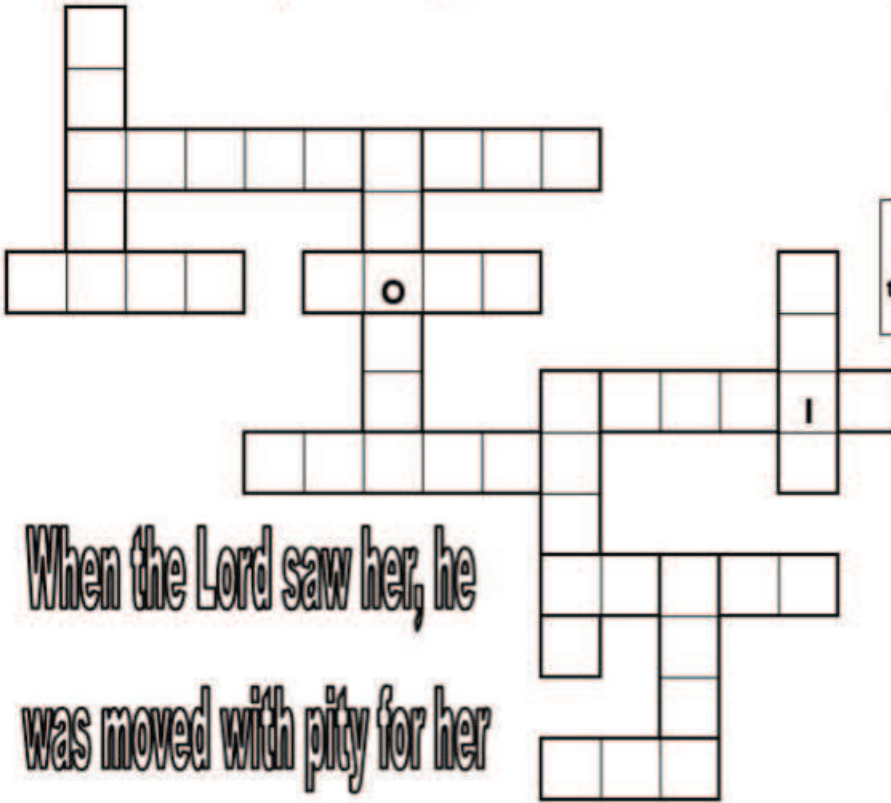
**Luke 7:11**



**After Capernaum  
Jesus went to Nain  
A large crowd followed him  
Across the grassy plain.**



# Raising of the Widow's Son



Make all the words fit into this crosswords

When the Lord saw her, he  
 was moved with pity for her  
 and said to her, "Do not weep!" Luke 7:13



Nain  
 Disciples  
 Gate  
 Mother  
 Died  
 Widow  
 Lord  
 Coffin  
 God  
 Prophet  
 Judea  
 Crowd



**At the town of Nain  
They had to wait  
A funeral was leaving  
From the city gate.**

**The dead man was the only son  
Of a Widow filled with grief.  
Her husband died and now her son ...  
She was sad beyond belief!**



***“Just as he arrived at the gate of the town, a funeral procession was coming out. The dead man was the only son of a woman who was a widow, and a large crowd from the town was with her.”***

**Luke 7:12**



**Being a widow is difficult in any age. The woman had lost both her husband as well as her only son. There was no social security in that day and employment opportunities for women were virtually non-existent. In losing her son, this woman had lost everything.**

**When Jesus saw the Widow  
He knew her grief was deep.  
He kindly tried to comfort her  
And told her not to weep.**

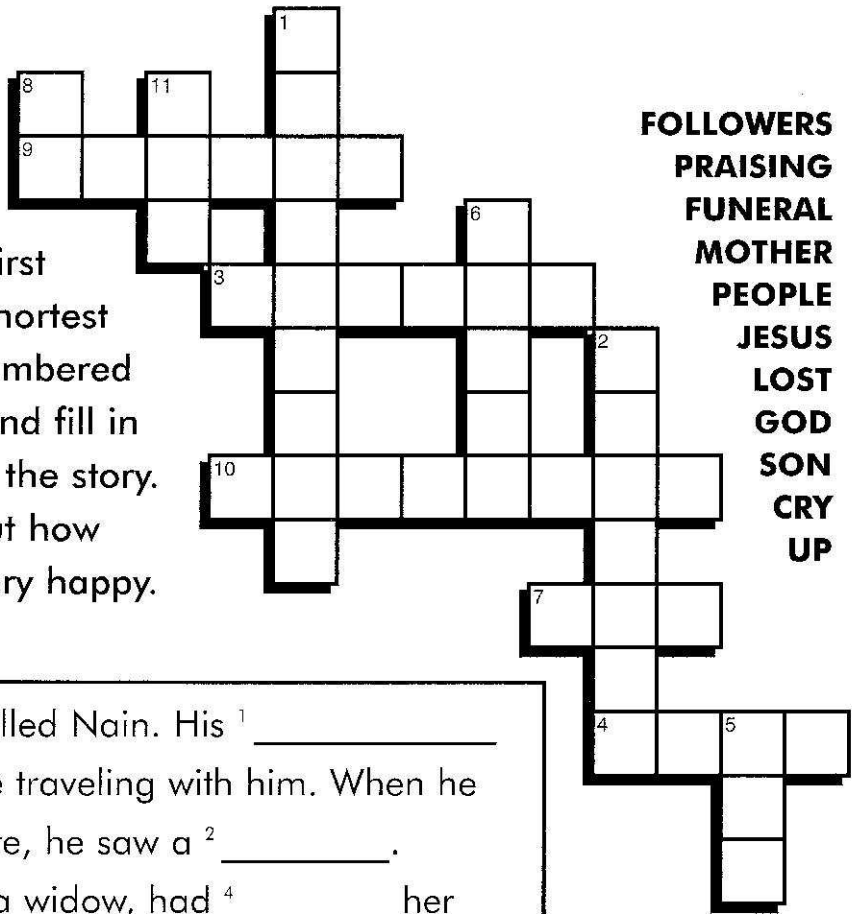


***When the Lord saw her, his heart was filled with pity for her, and he said to her, "Do not cry." Luke 7:13***

# JESUS RAISES A WIDOW'S SON

*Luke 7:11-17*

To solve these puzzles, first fit the words from the word list into the puzzle squares. Start with the longest words first and work down to the shortest words. Then take the numbered words from the puzzle and fill in the numbered blanks in the story. Then you can read about how Jesus made a mother very happy.



Jesus went to a town called Nain. His <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and a large crowd were traveling with him. When he came near the town gate, he saw a <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. A <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, who was a widow, had <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ her only <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. When the Lord saw her, he felt very sorry for her. <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ said to her, "Don't <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_." He went up to the coffin and touched it. Jesus said, "Young man, I tell you, get <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_!" And the son sat up and began to talk. All the <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ were amazed. They began <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ God. They said, "<sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ is taking care of his people."



***“Then he walked over and touched the coffin, and the men carrying it stopped. Jesus said, “Young man! Get up, I tell you!” Luke 7:14***

**He turned to touch the coffin. “Young man! Get up!” he said! “Don’t sleep in death anymore! Wake up from the dead!”**



**The actions of Jesus were highly unusual. First of all, he touched the coffin. This would have made him unclean. For a Jew to touch the dead was to come into contact with that which defiled. But Jesus was going to take the deadness that defiles and turn it into life.**





**The Widow's son sat right up ... And talked as a healthy boy!  
Jesus turned to his mother! She now had tears of joy!**



***“The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.” Luke 7:15***

**All the people watching  
Lifted up their voice,  
"God sent Jesus to save us!  
Praise God and rejoice!"**



***They all were filled with fear and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us!" they said; "God has come to save his people!"***

**Luke 7:16**

**The news of Jesus awakening  
The Widow's dead son  
Spread across the country!  
Comforting everyone!**

***“This news about Jesus went out  
through all the country and the surrounding  
territory.”***

**Luke 7:17**



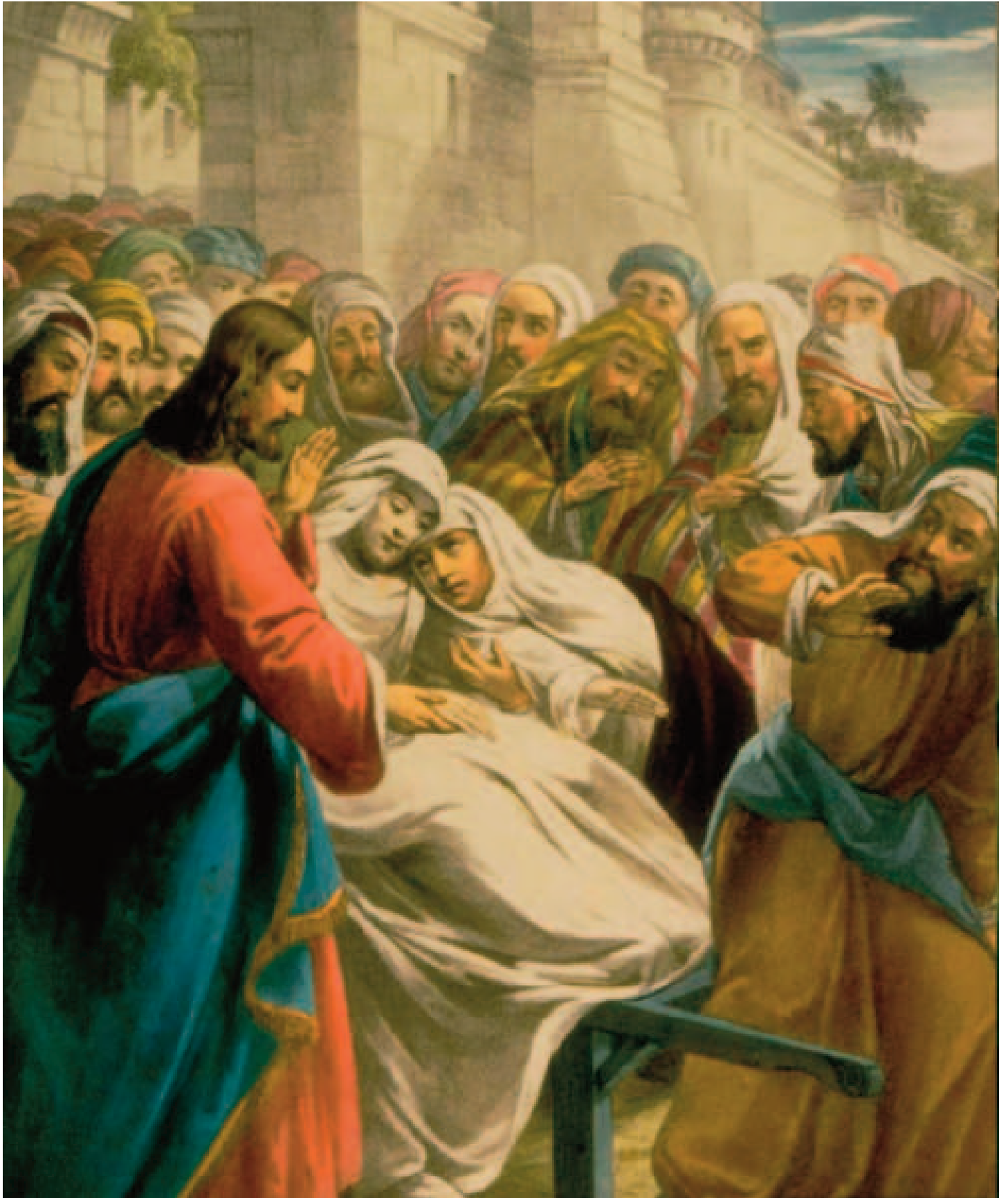
**What Jesus did for this young man, he will one day do for all of his people. There is coming a day when the Son shall command all to arise and they shall come from the grave.**

***“Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,***

***“And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of judgment.”***

**John 5:28, 29**





**Our Mission:  
To Comfort those who mourn**

***“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.” Isaiah 61:1***



**Bind the broken hearted;  
Tell them of God's love!  
How Jesus will release them  
From the prison house of death!**

***“To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn.”***

**Isaiah 61:2**

**We are told to comfort  
The sad ones who mourn!  
By telling them of the Kingdom  
And the resurrection morn!**



**Give the mourners in Zion  
Beauty for ashes of death,  
Oil of joy for mourning,  
Garments of praise for heaviness!**

***“To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.”*** Isaiah 61:3

***“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort.”***  
**2Corinthians 1:3**



**God our Heavenly Father  
Reaches down to us from above.  
He is the God of all comfort  
A Father of mercies and of love.**



**God comforts us in our trials  
To teach us the best way  
How we can comfort others  
By what we do and say.**

**This is our mission  
To glorify the Lord!  
By reaching out to others  
With a comforting word!**

***“Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.”***

**2Corinthians 1:4**



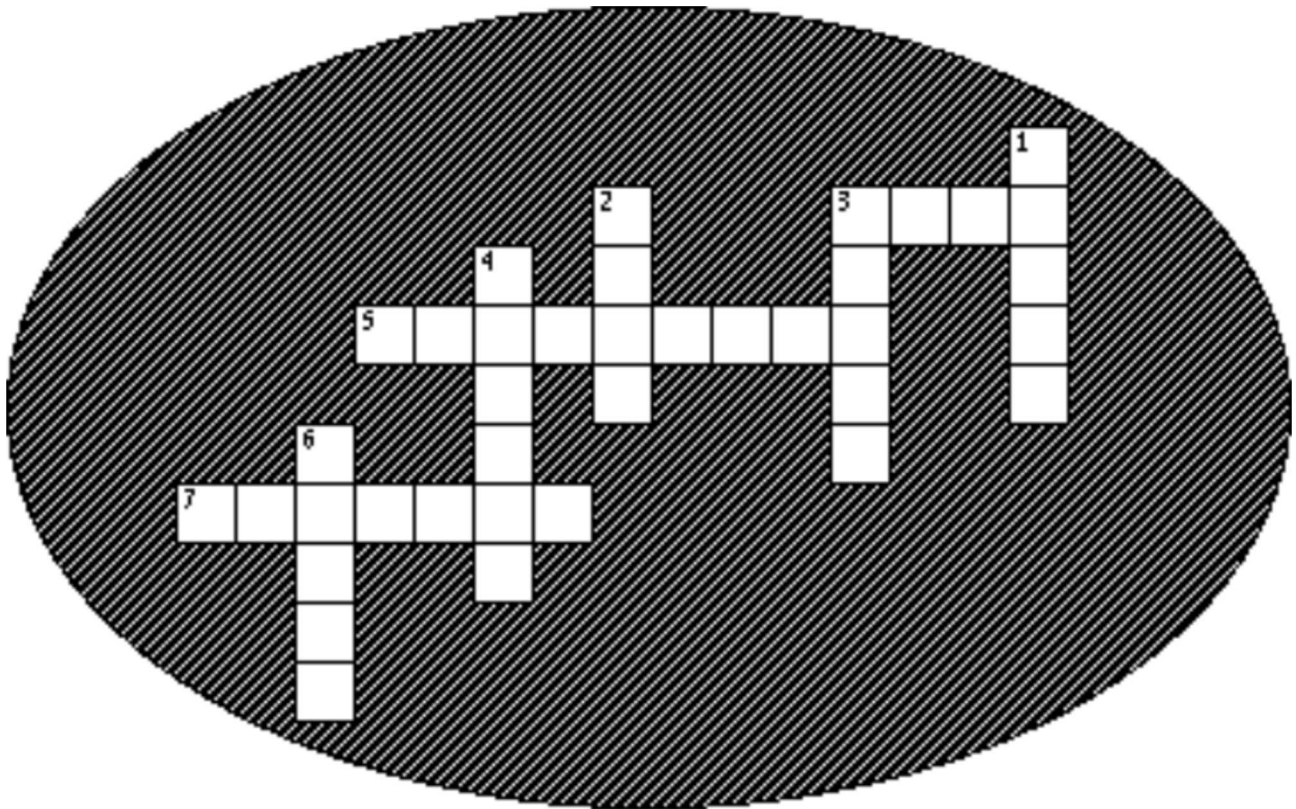


## Jesus Raises a Widow's Son Quiz Time!

1. *After Capernaum, what city did Jesus go to next?*  
a— Chicago.            c— Nain.  
b— New York.        d— Jerusalem.
2. *When Jesus got to the city, what was happening?*  
a—The city had been burned down.  
b—No one was in the city.  
c—A football game was going on.  
d—A funeral procession was leaving the city.
3. *Who died?*  
a—An old man.  
b—A policeman.  
c—The only son of a Widow.  
d—The Mayor of the town.
4. *Why was the woman a widow?*  
a—Because she was poor.  
b—Because she was a mother.  
c—Because she had no job.  
d—Because her husband had died.
5. *When Jesus saw the Widow, what did he say?*  
a—"Don't cry."  
b—Everyone dies...it's OK.  
c—What did you do to your son?  
d—Why did your son die?
6. *They what did Jesus do?*  
a—He walked away crying.  
b—He scolded the Widow for not asking for his help.  
c—He touched the coffin and told the young man to get up.  
d—He shook the young man until he woke up.
7. *What did the Widow's son do?*  
a—He screamed.  
b—He jumped out of the coffin and ran away.  
c—He sang a beautiful song.  
d—He sat up and started talking.
8. *What did Jesus do next?*  
a—He turned to the Widow and gave her the boy.  
b—He took the boy to the synagogue with him.  
c—Nothing.  
d—He sang a hymn.
9. *What did the people who were watching say?*  
a—"Why did Jesus do that?"  
b—"This isn't for real...they were just acting."  
c—"What did the Widow pay Jesus to do this?"  
d—"A great prophet is here! God has sent him to save us!"
10. *Who found out about this miracle?*  
a—They kept it a secret so no one would find out.  
b—Only the people who lived in Nain.  
c—The news spread across the country and the surrounding towns.  
d—All the good people.
11. *What is our lesson? [2 right answers]*  
a—Comfort those who mourn by telling them about the Kingdom.  
b—Stay away from people who are dead.  
c—Tell others about the resurrection.  
d—Don't go to funerals.

# THE SON OF THE WIDOW OF NAIN

## (LUKE 7:11-17)



- 2 DOWN "He went into a city called \_\_\_\_\_; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd." **LUKE 7:11**
- 3 DOWN "And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a \_\_\_\_\_." **LUKE 7:12**
- 3 ACROSS "When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, 'Do not \_\_\_\_\_.'" **LUKE 7:13**
- 7 ACROSS "Then He came and \_\_\_\_\_ the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, 'Young man, I say to you, arise.'" **LUKE 7:14**
- 1 DOWN "And he who was dead sat up and began to \_\_\_\_\_." **LUKE 7:15**
- 4 DOWN "...And He presented him to his \_\_\_\_\_." **LUKE 7:15**
- 5 ACROSS "Then fear came upon all, and they \_\_\_\_\_ God, saying, 'A great prophet has risen up among us'; and, 'God has visited His people.'" **LUKE 7:16**
- 6 DOWN "And this report about Him went throughout all \_\_\_\_\_ and all the surrounding region." **LUKE 7:17**

# THE SON OF THE WIDOW NAIN

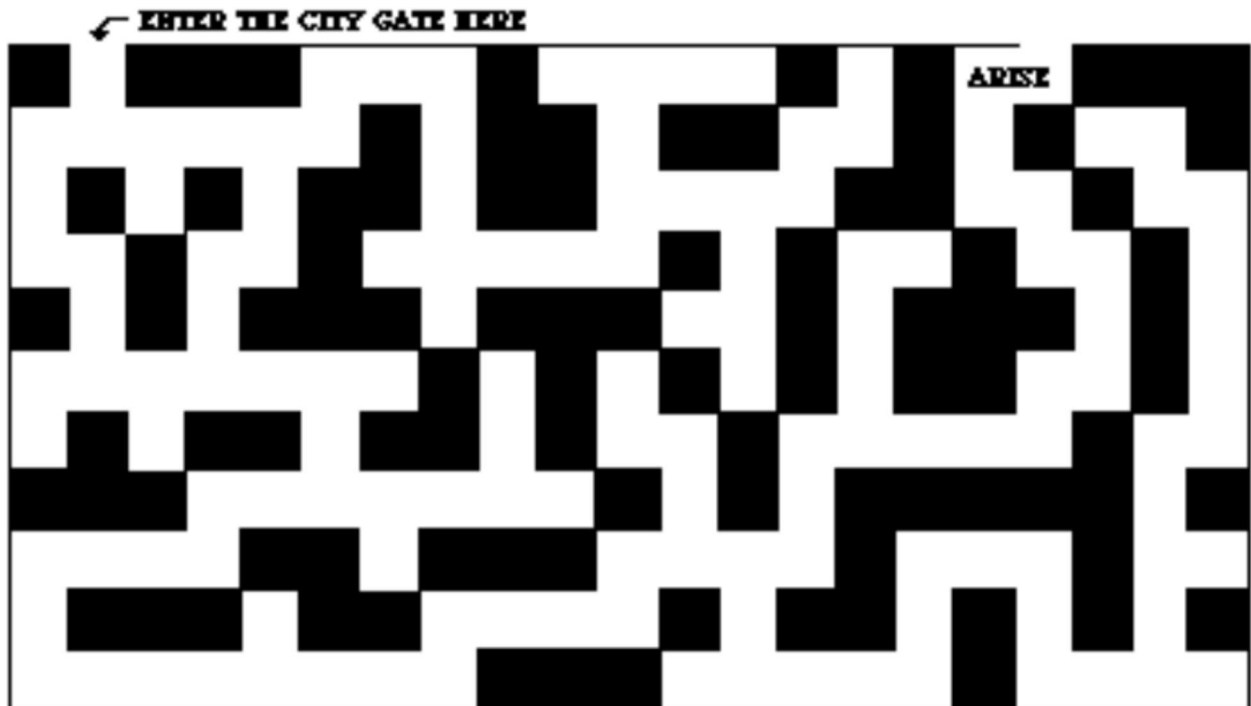
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### Luke 7:2-10

The Centurion was...

- A man
- A Gentile
- From the ruling class of society
- Powerful

Takes place in Capernaum.

What was it that moved Jesus to heal? It was the centurion's **FAITH**.

Jesus healed a slave.

Here is the point of the comparison. Jesus did not play favorites. He was willing to reach out to every spectrum of society. Rich and poor. Men and women. The high and the low. He came for all.

### Luke 7:11-17

The Widow Woman was...

- A woman
- Jewish
- At the bottom of society
- Powerless

Takes place in Nain.

What was it that moved Jesus to heal? It was His **COMPASSION**.

Jesus healed an only son.



Jesus had performed a number of miracles up to this time, but this was the first time he had ever raised the dead. There are only three occasions where Jesus is described as having performed such a miracle.

1. The raising of the Widow's son — Luke 7:11-17
2. The raising of the Daughter of Jarius — Luke 8:41-56
3. The raising of Lazarus — John 11