

**A GREAT PROPHET IS  
RISEN UP AMONG US  
LUKE 7**

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And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

Introduction:

## **1. A TIME OF DEATH**

**Luke 7:12**

Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.

### **A. Certainty of Death**

**Hebrews 9:27**

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

### **B. Call of Death**

#### **1. Young, Middle-aged, Elderly**

## **2. A TIME OF DESPERATION**

“The only son of his mother; a widow.”

A. Past – She has already buried someone that she loved dearly.

B. Present – Now her only son has died as well.

1. No parent ever expects to outlive his or her children.

## **3. A TIME OF DELIVERANCE – VS. 13-17**

Thank God the story did not end with a dead son and a desperate mother.

That afternoon there were several meetings that took place.

A. Two Groups Met

1. One was on their way to the cemetery.

2. The other was on their way to the city.

So it is in this life as well, there is one group headed for spiritual death, to spend eternity in Hell.

**John 3:36**

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

The other group is headed to an eternal city whose builder and maker is not man.

### **Hebrews 11:10**

For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

### **John 14:1-3**

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

### **Rev. 21:4**

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

## **B. Two Sons Met**

1. One was the son of a man, and he was dead.
2. The other was the Son of God, who is the giver of life.

### **John 11:25-26**

Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:** <sup>26</sup>And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. **Believest thou this?**

## C. Two Sufferers Met

1. One was a broken hearted widow.
2. The other was the Lamb of God.

### Isaiah 53:1-12

Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? <sup>2</sup>For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup>He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. <sup>8</sup>He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. <sup>9</sup>And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. <sup>11</sup>He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. <sup>12</sup>Therefore

will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**John 1:11**

He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

**Mark 10:45**

For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

D. Two Enemies Met

1. The first was death

He had invaded and devastated this little family.

2. The other was Life.

Notice how the Lord overcame both death and desperation by His power.

1. Spoke peace to this suffering lady.

**Luke 7:13**

And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, **Weep not.**

2. Spoke life to the slain lad.

### Luke 7:14-15

And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare *him* stood still. And he said, **Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.** <sup>15</sup> And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.