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Luke 7:11-17
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1. Sinners' Catastrophic Situation Vs 11-13

The widow grieved her son's death and her consequent catastrophic hopeless future as a destitute outsider with no means of support or social standing or connection with the community.

Human hearts break when they recognize their hopeless and catastrophic situation under sin's control and penalty; they are outsiders to a life with God, a life destined for destruction.

2. Saviour's Character & Competency to Save Vs 13-15

Compassion moved the Lord's willing defilement of himself to stop the coffin and use his power to resurrect the weeping widow's son's corpse and restore her life too.

God's love inspired his powerful resolution of humanity's hopeless sin problem (the resolution of his Son's resurrection after dying for humanity's defiling sin) to restore humanity to life with God.

When unbelievers move beyond openness to their sin problem to actually grieving over their enslavement to sin, they become open to seeking a willing and competent Saviour.

3. Saints Confirm Salvation Stories Vs 16

The crowd's fear morphed into God's praise for and sharing about the widow's salvation, which proved God had come to save Israel through sending them the 'great prophet' Jesus.

Personal stories of how Jesus saved us from sin's power and penalty to live new lives are the praiseworthy proofs seekers need of God's willingness and ability to save.

Summary: Grief over one's sin problem prepares people to receive God's love inspired and powerful salvation in Christ, salvation made believable by the confirming stories of the saints they personally know.

Questions

1. What Scriptures do you know that you could share with those who have become open to personally considering Jesus that point out
2. What Scriptures could you direct a seeker to that describe God's willingness and ability to restore them to life with him through Jesus Christ?
3. What specific or general things can you share in your salvation story with the seekers you know that evidence God's willingness and ability to thoroughly save? What specific or general personal transformations can you attribute to your risen Lord?

If you feel inadequate with answering the above questions, a good place for you to start would be going through the Navigator's 2:7 series. If you are interested in taking this course, please fill out a connection card.