

Dig Deeper Luke 7:11-17 for personal study and Life Groups...



"The resurrection of the son of the widow at Nain", Wilhelm Kotarbiński, National Museum of Warsaw, public domain, [Wikipedia](#).

Start with a prayer and read the passage through once or twice...

1. How would you describe this woman's situation (v11-12)? If you lived in her village what would you want to say?
2. Which details in the story bring out the certainty of Jesus' compassion and his power?
3. [If time- take a look at the story of Elijah and another widow's son in 1 Kings 17: 17-24. What similarities and differences do you note? What lessons can be drawn?¹]
4. What do you make of the people's response (v16-17)? Look at the report to John the Baptist (in v20-23). How does this context show the proper response to Jesus?
5. Why do Christians and non-Christians need this story today? When do you need to remember it?

Spend some time praying about this!



Resources...

- Engaging 7 minute retelling of this story from the Isle of Man <https://vimeo.com/312740520>.
- [Wikipedia](#) article on this passage has a nice quote from Sinclair Ferguson (Scottish preacher).

¹ There is also the story of Elisha restoring a woman's son to life in 2 Kings 4: 8-37, which happened at [Shunem](#), which may be Shulam just 5km away from Nein, which is believed to be the town Jesus visited in this story.