

What A Mighty God We Serve!

Ponder: The infinite power of Jesus

Scripture: “So he who was dead sat up and began to speak” (Luke 7:15a, NKJV).

Some who read this devotional have suffered the death of one or more children. We can begin, at least, to understand the agony of the woman from Nain, whom Jesus encountered as she and a great crowd were proceeding from the city to bury her son.

Her grief was compounded by at least three factors. First, this was her only son; she had no others in whom to take solace. Second, he was but a young man; burying an older child is hard enough, but the death of the young seems so wrong! And third, she was a widow; she had already mourned the death of a husband, and now she is burying her only son. Aside from the hollow place in her heart, eventually she would have to face this question: “Who will provide for me in my old age?”

Jesus, ever compassionate, first spoke the promising words, “Do not weep” (Luke 7:13). No meaningless cliché, this command strongly suggested that He would give her good reason to cease crying. And Jesus proceeded to do exactly that!

Imagine everyone’s shock when He touched the open coffin (v. 14). Just as when He had touched the leper (Luke 5:12), Jesus did not fear becoming ceremonially unclean by contact with a corpse. The pall bearers stopped in their tracks, which was undoubtedly Jesus’ intent. There was no need to proceed any farther toward the burial place, for Jesus’ next command rang out: “Young man, I say to you, arise!” (7:14b). And he did! The sorrowful mother could dry her tears as Jesus presented her with the beloved son death had so cruelly taken. Here was a foretaste of the condition we all crave, when “God shall wipe away all tears” (Revelation 21:4).

The disciples had seen Jesus bring people back from sickness to health, from madness to sanity, from blindness to sight; but now he had brought a man back from death to life. Furthermore, He has pledged to do the same for everyone when He comes again (John 5:28, 29). What a precious hope! What a mighty God we serve!

Song: “What A Mighty God We Serve”

Prayer: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we marvel when we consider the compassion and the power of Your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ. Without Him we would be helpless and hopeless, utterly lost and doomed to destruction. But in Him we rejoice in the hope of the resurrection unto eternal life. May we praise Him forever! In His name, Amen.

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