The Funeral That Became a Party

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Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her.
Luke 7:11-12 NIV

It's a story of two's and one's…

- Two Crowds

When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her…
Luke 7:13

- Two Broken Hearts

- Two Mortal Enemies

The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
1 Cor 15:26

When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry." Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still.
Luke 7:13-14

He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk…

Jesus came to expose that which has no life to his life-giving power.

Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.
Luke 7:15-17

What we find in the rest of the story? We find:

- One saved life

- One thankful soul

- One worshipping family

- One purpose served

- One triumphant Savior

Jesus is the only one who can turn a funeral into a party.

Next Steps

Take some time to answer the following questions with your spouse, children, or small group…

- What is the top thing you're looking forward to about spring?

- Read through the story found in Luke 7:11-17. What stands out to you in this story?

- When it comes to people's pain & hurt, are you a person that tends to do everything you can to avoid it or are you quick to move towards it? Why do you think you answered this way?

- Is there a situation in your life or in the life of someone you know that looks dead and could use the life-giving power of Jesus? Explain

- Take some time to pray about these situations.