



Power of Compassion in the Gospels



Explore Jesus' compassion and resurrection power through the story of the widow's son restored in Luke 7:11–17.



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Introduction

The Gospels uniquely reveal Jesus Christ's heart, miracles, and the kingdom of God breaking into the world. Among these powerful narratives, **the story of the Widow of Nain's Son** stands out as a profound demonstration of Jesus' compassion and divine authority over death (*Luke 7:11–17*). This account offers us a lens to understand Jesus not just as a teacher, but as a compassionate Savior who meets us in our deepest moments of grief and brings hope through resurrection power.

In the small town of Nain, a funeral procession is interrupted by Jesus. The loss of a young life would have brought devastation, especially to a widow who depended on her son for survival. Yet, Jesus responds not with distance but with empathy, touching the coffin and commanding life to return. This moment shows the personal nature of Jesus' miracles — He sees individual sorrow and acts with tender power.

Throughout this study, we will journey through the Gospels to glean lessons from Jesus' compassion and His authority over death and suffering. Each day will direct you to scripture for meditation, insight, and reflective questions that invite you to see how Jesus' care reaches your own life situation.

May this study stir your faith and encourage you as you witness the power of compassion intertwined with resurrection hope. Let's open our hearts to Jesus' invitation to trust Him in every circumstance, knowing He brings restoration beyond our imagination.





Day 1: Jesus Meets Brokenness



Day 1: 🕊️ Jesus Meets Brokenness

Your Verse

Luke 7:11-12 – 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.

Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 34:18 – The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*
- *Matthew 9:36 – When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*



Day 1: 🕊️ Jesus Meets Brokenness

Devotional: Jesus Meets Us in Our Brokenness

Jesus meets us where we hurt. In Luke 7:11–12, Jesus encounters the widow in Nain at a moment of profound grief and loss. Her status as a widow made her vulnerable, but Jesus’ compassion lifts her burden. This story reminds us that Jesus does not avoid human pain or brokenness. Instead, He draws near to broken hearts and overwhelmed souls.

Often, sorrow feels isolating, but Jesus’ approach shows us that we are never alone in our suffering. His compassion is active, not passive — He intervenes. When life’s hardships press down, we can bring our grief to Jesus, knowing He understands and cares deeply.

Take time today to reflect on areas of your life where you feel broken or burdened. Jesus invites us to bring our pain to Him, trusting that His compassion is not fleeting or distant—it is immediate and powerful.



Day 1: 🕊️ Jesus Meets Brokenness

Reflect and Apply

1. In what areas of your life do you currently feel broken or vulnerable?

2. How does knowing Jesus meets you in your grief change your perspective on suffering?

3. What might it look like for you to invite Jesus into your pain today?



Day 1: 🕊️ Jesus Meets Brokenness

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time Jesus met you in a hard moment.

2. Describe what compassion means to you in difficult situations.

3. Journal your current feelings and invite Jesus into those emotions.



Day 1: 🕊️ Jesus Meets Brokenness

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, thank You for meeting me right where I am, especially when I feel broken or alone. *Thank You for Your compassion that never fails.* Help me to bring my pain honestly before You, trusting in Your tender care. Teach me to lean on Your strength and rest in Your presence today. Restore hope in my heart and remind me that You are always near. *In Your powerful name, Amen.*





Day 2: Compassion That Breaks Through



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Your Verse

Luke 7:13 – When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, 'Don't cry.'

Supporting Scriptures

- *John 11:33 – When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.*
- *Isaiah 61:1 – The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.*



Day 2: 🔥 Compassion That Breaks Through

Devotional: Let Compassion Move Your Heart

Compassion is the heartbeat of Jesus' ministry. In Luke 7:13, Jesus' heart goes out to the widow. His compassion prompts Him to speak directly and tenderly – 'Don't cry.' This simple command carries the weight of hope and comfort. Jesus does not simply observe pain from a distance; He allows His heart to be moved and lets that compassion lead to action.

Compassion breaks barriers. It compels us not only to feel but to respond. When Jesus sees our tears, He desires to bring healing and restoration. His compassion moves beyond sympathy into intervention.

Reflect today on how Jesus' compassionate heart is an example for your own. How can you allow your heart to be softened to others' pain, and to God's spirit within you? Compassion opens doors for God's kingdom to come into the broken places of life.



Day 2: 🔥 Compassion That Breaks Through

Reflect and Apply

1. How does Jesus' compassionate response inspire your own reactions to others' suffering?

2. When have you experienced comfort from someone's compassion or God's presence?

3. What steps can you take to develop a more compassionate heart?



Day 2: 🔥 Compassion That Breaks Through

Journaling Prompts

1. Recall a moment when someone's compassion brought you hope.

2. Write about areas you find it hard to feel compassion and why.

3. Journal prayers asking God to soften your heart for others.



Day 2: 🔥 Compassion That Breaks Through

Prayer for Today

Jesus, Your compassion moves me deeply. Help me to open my heart to feel and act with kindness and mercy. *Teach me to love as You love*, reaching out to those in need. May my words bring comfort and my actions reflect Your grace today. Strengthen me to be Your hands and feet. *Thank You for Your tender heart.* Amen. ❤️🌿🙏





Day 3: Jesus Interrupts Death's Hold



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Your Verse

Luke 7:14 – Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still.

Supporting Scriptures

- *John 10:10 – I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*
- *Hebrews 2:14 – Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil.*



Day 3:  Jesus Interrupts Death's Hold

Devotional: Jesus Interrupts Death's Power

Death is commonly viewed as the final interruption in life — but Jesus interrupts it with authority. In Luke 7:14, Jesus breaks through death's finality by touching the coffin. This physical act demonstrates His power to halt the procession that symbolized despair and finality.

Jesus' actions remind us that death does not have the last word. His life and resurrection reveal a divine power that breaks death's grip forever. For those who put their trust in Him, life extends beyond the grave, full of hope and eternal restoration.

Consider how Jesus' interruption challenges your own fears about death or loss. With Jesus, interruptions in life become opportunities to witness God's glory. This truth invites us to live with courage and hope even when death or endings approach.



Day 3:  Jesus Interrupts Death's Hold

Reflect and Apply

1. How does Jesus' interruption of death change your understanding of loss?

2. What fears about death or final endings do you need to bring to Jesus?

3. How can living with resurrection hope affect your daily life and choices?



Day 3:  Jesus Interrupts Death's Hold

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about your feelings concerning mortality and Jesus' power over death.

2. Reflect on moments where God has interrupted hopeless situations in your life.

3. Journal your hopes for eternal life and what that means personally.



Day 3:  Jesus Interrupts Death's Hold

Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for interrupting death and bringing life. Help me not to be defined by loss or endings but to cling to Your promise of eternal life. *Give me courage to face fears*, knowing You conquer all. Fill me with hope and peace. Teach me to live each day in the light of Your resurrection power. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* ✨ 🕯️ 🌅





Day 4: ✨ Resurrection Power Revealed



Your Verse

Luke 7:15 – Then he said, 'Young man, I say to you, get up!'

Supporting Scriptures

- *Romans 6:4 – We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*
- *John 11:43-44 – Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen.*



Devotional: Hear Jesus' Command: Rise to New Life

Jesus' words carry life-giving resurrection power. In commanding the young man to 'get up,' Jesus demonstrates authority over the grave and the power to bring restoration. This is not only a historical miracle but an illustration of the new life available to us through Christ.

Resurrection power means God can breathe new life into broken circumstances, faltering faith, and weary souls. It symbolizes God's ability to transform death into life, despair into hope, and silence into praise.

Reflect on areas where you need resurrection power—whether spiritual, emotional, or relational. Jesus speaks the same commanding word to your situations: *"Get up!"* Trust His power to bring restoration and renewal.



Day 4: ✨ Resurrection Power Revealed

Reflect and Apply

1. Where in your life do you feel the need for resurrection power?

2. How do you respond when Jesus calls you to 'get up' from difficult situations?

3. What does new life in Christ look like practically for you today?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time God brought restoration or new life in your life.

2. Journal how you can embrace resurrection power even now.

3. List areas you want Jesus to 'wake up' in your heart or circumstances.



Day 4: ✨ Resurrection Power Revealed

Prayer for Today

Jesus, Your resurrection power restores hope and life. I invite Your life-giving presence into the places in me and around me that feel dead or weary. *Speak Your word, and help me rise anew.* Strengthen my faith to live boldly in Your transforming power every day. Thank You for making all things new. Amen.





Day 5: 💡 Faith in Jesus' Authority



Your Verse

Luke 7:16 – 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.'

Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 21:11 – The crowds answered, 'This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.'*
- *Acts 3:16 – By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong.*



Day 5: 💡 Faith in Jesus' Authority

Devotional: Responding with Awe and Faith

Awe and faith arise when we encounter Jesus' authority. In Luke 7:16, the crowd responds with amazement and praise, recognizing Jesus not only as a prophet but as God's help to His people. This miracle points to Jesus' divine authority and power to heal, restore, and save.

Our faith grows when we see God's hand clearly working in our lives or the lives of others. Acknowledging Jesus' authority leads to praise, trust, and greater courage to follow Him.

Consider how witnessing God's work leads you to awe and worship. How does faith grow through seeing Jesus act in power? Let this inspire you to proclaim with confidence that God is your help and hope.



Day 5: 💡 Faith in Jesus' Authority

Reflect and Apply

1. When have you experienced awe through God's work in your life?

2. How does recognizing Jesus' authority affect your trust in Him daily?

3. What can you praise God for today in light of His power and help?



Day 5: 💡 Faith in Jesus' Authority

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time your faith deepened after witnessing God's power.

2. Journal specific ways Jesus has helped or healed you.

3. List praises you want to offer God for His faithfulness.



Day 5: 💡 Faith in Jesus' Authority

Prayer for Today

Almighty God, Your power inspires awe and worship. I praise You for Jesus' authority that brings healing and help. *Increase my faith to trust You deeply* and to follow with confidence. May my life reflect praise and gratitude for Your mighty works. Thank You for being my ever-present help. Amen. 🙌🎵





Day 6: The Miracle's Broader Meaning



Your Verse

Luke 7:17 – This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

Supporting Scriptures

- *Mark 5:41 – He took her by the hand and said to her, 'Talitha koum!' (which means 'Little girl, I say to you, get up!').*
- *John 20:29 – Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'*



Day 6: 🌿 The Miracle's Broader Meaning

Devotional: Sharing Hope Through Jesus' Miracle

The miracle of the widow's son goes beyond one event—it's a sign pointing to Jesus as Savior of all. Luke 7:17 highlights how news of Jesus' miraculous power spread, signaling hope for many. This miracle symbolizes the broader rescue Jesus offers: restoration of life, healing, and hope beyond death.

Jesus' ministry continues inviting all to believe, including those who have not physically seen Him. His power transcends time and place.

Reflect on how this miracle encourages you to share faith and hope with others. How might God use your testimony to spread good news? Let the story remind you that Jesus brings life that reaches far and wide.



Day 6: 🌿 The Miracle's Broader Meaning

Reflect and Apply

1. How has hearing or sharing about Jesus' power influenced your faith journey?

2. What role can your life play in spreading hope to others?

3. How do you explain your belief in Jesus to those who haven't seen Him?



Day 6: 🌿 The Miracle's Broader Meaning

Journaling Prompts

1. Write a testimony of how Jesus brought hope or restoration in your life.

2. Journal ways you can share your faith story openly.

3. Reflect on your feelings about witnessing and proclaiming Jesus' power.



Day 6: 🌿 The Miracle's Broader Meaning

Prayer for Today

Father God, thank You for the hope that spreads through Jesus' miracles. Empower me to share the good news boldly and lovingly. *Use my life to bring light to those in darkness*, and extend Your kingdom through testimony and prayer. Help me trust Your power to work even when unseen. Amen. 🌍📖🕯️





Day 7: ✨ Living in Resurrection Hope



Your Verse

Romans 8:11 – And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Supporting Scriptures

- *2 Corinthians 4:16 – Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.*
- *Philippians 3:10–11 – I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.*



Devotional: Embrace Life Through Resurrection Hope

Our journey through the Gospel miracle concludes with the promise of **resurrection hope living within us**. Romans 8:11 assures believers that the same Spirit who raised Jesus dwells in us and gives life to our mortal bodies. This truth offers profound hope beyond any trial or loss we face.

Living in resurrection hope means embracing newness every day, trusting God's power to renew and sustain us. It calls us to persevere amid hardship, to share in Christ's sufferings, and to anticipate life eternal with faith and joy.

As you reflect on the widow's son restored, remember that this power is alive today. You are invited to live fully by the Spirit's life-giving power, transforming darkness into light.



Reflect and Apply

1. What does it mean for you to receive the Spirit who raises Jesus from the dead?

2. How does resurrection hope impact your view of present struggles?

3. In what ways can you live out this hope daily?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write how the Holy Spirit has renewed you recently.

2. Reflect on how resurrection hope shapes your outlook on life and death.

3. Journal your aspirations to walk closely with Christ in His power.



Day 7: ✨ Living in Resurrection Hope

Prayer for Today

Holy Spirit, thank You for living in me and giving life beyond death. Help me to embrace resurrection hope in every moment and to be renewed daily.

Strengthen me to persevere in faith and to live with joy sharing Christ's life.

Fill me anew with Your power and peace. Amen. 🌸🔥🙏✨





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