GOD HAS VISITED

Luke 7:11–17

Key Verse:

1. How is the initial setting described (11)? What does Jesus encounter, and who seems to be the focus here (12)? In their culture, why was this an especially tragic situation?
2. In verse 13a, what words are used to describe Jesus, and what do they mean? What does he say to this grieving mother, and why (13b; cf. 1Th4:13–14)? How does this interaction contrast with the centurion’s story, and what does it tell us about Jesus?
3. What does he do next, and in their society why is this shocking (14a; cf. Nu19:11,16)? What does he do to bring this man back to life, and what truths can we learn about Jesus here (14b–15)?
4. How do people react, and what does this mean (16a)? What do they say about Jesus first, and what should we make of it? In their second exclamation, what broader meaning do they find? Note how Luke repeatedly describes God’s “visit” (1:68,78; 7:16; 19:44; cf. Ac15:14). What does this word mean, and why is it such good news to us today?
5. What impact does this event have (17)? Review what we can learn about Jesus here. What does this mean to you?