

SERMON NOTES: THE DEATH OF DEATH

Series: Luke: The Gospel of Knowing For Sure

Date: September 20, 2015

Text: Luke 7:11-17

Theme: Assurance in the face of Death. The story reveals Jesus' mission to confront death and swallow it up in victory by the authority of His Word.

1. The Painful Reality of Death v.12

- Sin brought _____ to the human condition
- _____ dies
- Death is sad and _____

2. The Compassion of Jesus v.13 –14a

- Jesus comes by divine _____
- He brings _____ to a widow
- He _____ death and was touched by death

3. The Authority of Jesus over Death v.14b-15

- Jesus _____ death and doesn't run away from it—met the procession head on
- Jesus _____ death through the authority of His Word

4. The response of the crowd v.16

- The One greater the _____
- God has come to the _____

5. The Ultimate Death of Death in the Death of Jesus Christ 1Cor. 15:58

- _____ through the Son:
- _____ in the face of death:
- _____ in the midst of grief:

SMALL GROUP HOME WORK:

These questions will help prepare you for your Small Group session this week – so bring your answers with you to your Small Group meeting.

RELATE:

How often do you think about death? What kinds of emotions does the thought of death arouse?

REFLECT:

- What are some ways in which the circumstances in this event (Luke 7:11-17) are different from the one recorded in verses 1-10? How are the stories similar?
- Why did Jesus say to the crying mother: "Don't cry!"?
- Why did Jesus want to help this widow who had never asked him for help?
- If Jesus has defeated death, why didn't He raise all the dead people he encountered?
- In verse 16 it says: "God has come to help his people." Why didn't he help his own Son when he was dying?
- The Heavenly Father, too, had to see his only Son being carried to his grave. Do you think his pain was greater or less than that of the widow?
- How is this story similar yet different to the parallel story in 1Kings 17:17-24 and the healing of the only son of a widow by Elijah? How would this explain the people's response in v.16?

RESPOND:

How has this study given you renewed hope in the face of death?

How has it helped you understand loss and grief?

Pray as a group for someone you know having to cope with grief and loss.