**Luke 7v7-11 Bible Study – St. Margaret’s 20th June 2023**

The subject under consideration is the raising of the widow of Nain’s Son. With subjects related to bereavement it obviously can touch people deeply, but in this passage the outcome could not be more positive. Let’s pray that as we consider this subject our eyes might be focused on the hope that Jesus sets before us, namely, ‘Death Defeated’ and ‘Eternal Life’ to come.

**The widow**

1. From the passage what can we discern about the circumstances of the widow?
2. What must the prospect of the future now have seemed like as far as the widow is concerned?

**The Meeting**

1. Verses 11 and 12 mention the word crowd twice, but they are different crowds. Is there any sense that God was behind these two crowds converging?
2. Is there anything we can infer about God from these verses?

**The ministry**

1. The Lord’s heart went out to the Widow v.13. What are to understand by this?
2. What is the relevance to you and to me when in situations of trouble and distress?
3. Why do you think Jesus spoke with such authority? When we pray for the sick should we pray with a similar authority? How would you justify your answer? (See John 14v12-13, James 5v13-16)
4. Touching a dead body was discouraged in the OT. (See Numbers 19v11) What does the fact that Jesus does this in v. 14 indicate about Jesus? (The bier was the base upon which a dead body would have been laid – and touching the bier would have not been distinguished from touching the body itself)

**The resurrection**

1. The young man sits up and speaks. The breath of life had been breathed into him. (See Gen 2v7) What this must have meant to the woman would have been more than immense. Could you put into words the impact upon the woman?

**The Significance**

1. Jesus, in this miracle, shows that death is not the final enemy. Look at each of the following passages to glean something of the significance of this story.
	1. 1 Cor 15v16-18
	2. 1 Cor 15v47 – 49
	3. Rev 21v1-4