

Miracles Of Jesus

Lesson 10: Jesus Raises The Dead

Of all the great miracles Jesus did while He was on this earth, there are none greater than Jesus showing His power to give life to those who were dead! In this lesson, we will study three examples of Jesus raising the dead.

First, Jesus raised a widow's son in Luke 7:11-17. Jesus went into a city called Nain and many of His followers went with Him. A large crowd also followed Him. Whenever Jesus came near to the city gate, a dead man was being carried out of the city. This man was his mother's only son – and his mother was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her.

Whenever Jesus saw her, He wanted to help her. Since both her husband and her only son were dead, not only would she be sad, but she may have also had no one to protect her and make money to support her. He said to her, "Do not weep." "Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, 'Young man, I say to you, arise.' So he who was dead sat up and began to speak." And, Jesus presented him back to his mother! When all the people saw or heard about this, they were afraid and glorified God. They knew that a great prophet was among them and that God had visited His people.

Second, Jesus raised Jairus' daughter in Luke 8:41-56 (this story is also told in Matthew 9:18-26 and Mark 5:22-43). A man named Jairus (who was a ruler of the synagogue) came to Jesus, fell down at His feet, and begged Him to go to his house. For, this man had a little girl (12 years old) who was very sick and about to die. She was his only daughter. However, before Jesus came to the house, someone came from Jairus' house and told them that the little girl had died and that he should not trouble Jesus any more.

But, when Jesus heard this news, He said, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came to the house, there was a lot of sadness. Then, He did not allow anyone to go in except Peter, James, John, and the father of the little girl. Jesus told the people who were sad, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping" – because Jesus knew He was going to raise her from the dead. But, the people just laughed at Him because they knew she was dead. When He went in to the girl, He took her by the hand, and said, "Little girl, arise." Then, she immediately rose from the dead – and Jesus commanded that she be given something to eat. Her parents were amazed!

Third, Jesus raised Lazarus in John 11:1-44. Jesus' good friends Mary and Martha sent someone to Jesus to tell Him that Lazarus had become sick. But, whenever Jesus heard this, He knew that Lazarus' sickness would work for God's glory (as He knew that He would raise him from the dead). Jesus stayed two more days in the place He was. Later, Jesus told His followers that Lazarus was dead.

Whenever Jesus came to the place Lazarus was, Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. One of his sisters told Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." Jesus told her that her brother would rise again. Whenever Jesus went to Lazarus' tomb, Jesus wept. He loved Lazarus and his family. Then, Jesus commanded that the people take away the stone that was in front of Lazarus' tomb, prayed to God, and cried out, "Lazarus, come forth!" Then, Lazarus came out of the tomb, still wearing his grave clothes! Jesus commanded that he be loosed and let go. Jesus knew that all of this happened so that people would believe that God had sent Him.

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Study Questions:

1) What did Jesus see whenever He came to Nain?
2) Why did Jesus want to help the dead man's mother?
3) How did Jesus raise the young man?
4) How old was Jairus' daughter?
5) How did Jesus raise Jairus' daughter?
6) Who were Lazarus' sisters?
7) How long was Lazarus in the tomb?
8) How did Jesus raise Lazarus?

Memory Verse:

"When Jesus heard that, He said, 'This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it" (John 11:4).

Draw a picture of the lesson you learned about: