



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 7: 11-17

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain,
and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him.
As he drew near to the gate of the city,
a man who had died was being carried out,
the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.
A large crowd from the city was with her.
When the Lord saw her,
he was moved with pity for her and said to her,
"Do not weep."
He stepped forward and touched the coffin;
at this the bearers halted,
and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!"
The dead man sat up and began to speak,
and Jesus gave him to his mother.
Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming,
"A great prophet has arisen in our midst,"
and "God has visited his people."
This report about him spread through the whole of Judea
and in all the surrounding region.

Our Scripture Reflection

In His sermon at the synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus said that He came to "Bring glad tidings to the poor..." In today's Gospel text, He does just that. The widow Jesus encountered who was about to bury her only son was doubly afflicted. Her husband was dead and now her only son and her only remaining source of support and security was dead. Some in the town would have looked upon her as cursed! But not so with Jesus. He has compassion on the woman and raises her son from the dead.

Food for your Journey

"That man is perfect in faith who can come to God in the utter dearth of his feelings and desires, without a glow or an aspiration, with the weight of low thoughts, failures, neglects and wandering forgetfulness, and say to him: 'Thou art my refuge.'"

--George MacDonald: An Anthology,

ed. C.S. Lewis,

(New York: Macmillan, 1974), no. 1.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Fill my heart with Your compassion and love so that I may reach out to those who are hurting and need my help. Make me, Lord, an instrument of Your peace. Amen.