



“And when He came near the gate of the city [Nain], behold, a dead man was being carried out...” – Luke 7:12



Introduction

- The Lord Jesus went to meet the widow although not asked to
- Jews buried the dead the same day
- Four special meetings took place at the Gate of Nain



At the Gate of Nain

Two Crowds

- Lord Jesus and His disciples
- Widow and mourners
- The Lord Christ never forgets the individual among the crowd
- “But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.”
(Lk. 12:7)





Two Sons

- The widow's son was a symbol of the Old Testament
- “What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, ‘You shall not covet.’ But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead.



Two Sons

- “I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death.” (Rom. 7:7-10)
- “Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.” (Rom. 7:4)

Two sufferers

- The widow was sorrowful because death stole her son
- Christ was sorrowful because death (sin) stole his children
- “He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.” (Is. 53:3)

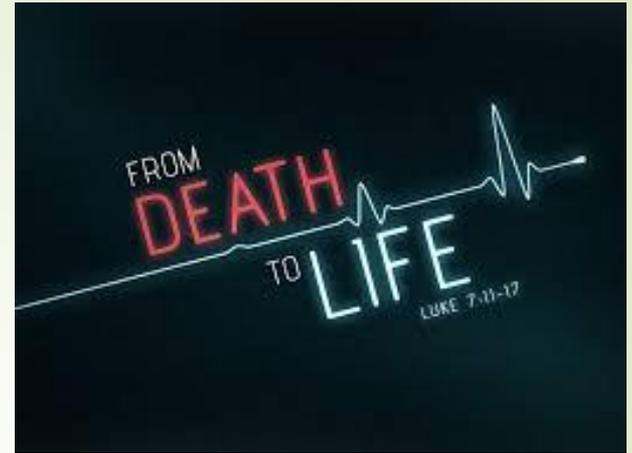




Two sufferers

- In order for us to be saved, we must be willing to endure the pain of sorrow
- “We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.” (Acts 14:22)
- “...I die daily.” (1 Cor. 15:31)
- “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.” (Rom. 6:4)

Two enemies



- Life meets death
- “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” (2 Cor. 5:21)
- “I have trodden the winepress alone...” (Is. 63:3)
- The Lord Jesus reunites those whom death separated



Conclusion

- Four meetings at the Gate of Nain
 - Two crowds met
 - Two sons met
 - Two suffers met
 - Two enemies met
- It's no coincidence that the name of the city, Nain, means "beautiful".