

The Widow of Nain

Luke 7:1-17 describe two events in Christ's ministry: his healing of the centurion's servant, and his raising of a widow's son. The first of these two accounts shows us the authority of Jesus. The account of the raising of the widow's son shows us his compassion.

The compassion of Jesus demonstrates his:

1. Regard for the weak *James 1:27; Psalm 41:1*
 - a. Widows in ancient society
 - b. Her only son – a double tragedy
2. Sacrificial love
 - a. Cleanliness rules in Jesus' day
 - b. He touched the bier *Numbers 19:16*
3. Divine Credentials
 - a. The compassionate work: life!
 - b. The prophet's work: Elijah and Elisha
 - i. Widow's son *1 Kings 17: 24*
 - ii. Namaan *2 Kings 5:15*
 - c. Jesus is undeniably a "great prophet"

Application:

1. Do you see how God has shown compassion to you? In Christ? In the details and events of your life?
2. Will you glorify God for what Christ has done?