

SERMON-BASED STUDY: THAT HURTS

Luke 7:11-17, ESV – ¹¹ Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹² As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” ¹⁴ Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” ¹⁵ And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” ¹⁷ And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This passage highlights the fact that Jesus not only saw the woman, but also had compassion on her. What do you think is the connection between really seeing people and compassion?
- 2 In verse 13, Jesus tells the woman, “Do not weep.” Not only did He speak to her, but He acted on her behalf. How do you think she may have reacted to this statement? How do you think she may have reacted if Jesus did not do anything?

3 What is significant about Jesus giving the son back to his mother?

DIGGING DEEPER

A **John 13:1, ESV** – *Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.*

Matthew 14:13-14, ESV – ¹³ *Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.* ¹⁴ *When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.*

4 What does John mean by “having loved his own” and “he loved them to the end”?

5 What does the crowd’s persistence in following Jesus teach us about the human condition? What can we learn about Jesus’ character from His response to the crowd following Him?

B **Luke 8:49-52, ESV** – ⁴⁹ *While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler’s house came and said, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more.”* ⁵⁰ *But Jesus on hearing this answered him, “Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well.”* ⁵¹ *And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child.* ⁵² *And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, “Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping.”*

Mark 6:32-34, ESV – ³² *And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves.* ³³ *Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them.* ³⁴ *When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.*

6 In the passages above, we see Jesus speaking to people in pain. Compare and contrast how He speaks to the people in these two situations?

7 In Luke 8:50, Jesus says, “Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well.” How is belief connected with listening to Jesus when He speaks?

C **Matthew 17:5-8, ESV** – ⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

8 How does Jesus use touch to reassure his disciples? Why did they need to be reassured?

9 Compare and contrast the way Jesus uses touch in Luke 7:14 and Matthew 17:7. Why is this significant for us today?

TAKING IT HOME

This week, we learned that when we feel pain, Jesus cares for, speaks to, and heals us with His touch. How have you seen this in your life? As God’s image bearers, we are to provide these same affections toward others that are in pain. How are you doing in showing compassion, giving an assuring word, and a healing touch to others? Share with your group what God is showing you. Pray that each of you will be people of compassion for those in pain.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 11:28-30, 20:34
John 14:1