

Study Guide for Sept. 17, 2000. Our Great Savior Text. Luke 7:11-17. The GREAT Prophet.

READING GUIDE:

DAY 1: Luke 7:11-17, 8:40-56.

DAY 2: John 11:1-44.

DAY 3: I Kings 17

DAY 4: II Kings 4:8-37

DAY 5: I Cor. 15

DAY 6: Psalm 118

1. Who is someone you know who faced death and was unafraid because of a strong faith in Christ?
2. The plight of a widow. In a society with no formal “social security,” a widow was particularly vulnerable. Read the following passages (Mal. 3:5, Luke 20:47, I Tim. 5:16, James 1:27) and then describe the concerns a widow would face.

Who in our society would be a comparably vulnerable group?

3. The words and works of Jesus. In this brief account (Luke 7:11-17) each statement and action of Jesus is important. What do you see as the significance of . . .
 - A. Jesus being referred to as **the Lord** in vs. 13?
 - B. Jesus telling the widow, “Don’t cry,” in vs. 13?
 - C. The report of Jesus touching the coffin in vs. 14?
 - D. Jesus words, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” in vs. 14?

How does this depiction of Jesus affect your understanding of him?

4. This miracle reminded the people of previous miracles by prophets in Israel. Summarize what . . .
 - A. Elijah did as recorded in I Kings 17:7-24.
 - B. Elisha did as recorded in II Kings 4:8-37.
 - C. Why do you think the people responded to Jesus’ miracle by saying, “A **great prophet** has appeared among us.”
5. In the gospels we have three accounts of Jesus raising people from the dead. Fill in the following chart to gain perspective on what these miracles teach us about Jesus.

<u>Text</u>	<u>Person raised to life</u>	<u>Social setting of person</u>	<u>Reactions to miracle</u>	<u>Lessons about Jesus</u>
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Lk. 7:11-17:	son of widow			
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Compassion & Power

Lk. 8:40-56:	member of respected family			
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Jn. 11:1-44:				
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Jesus is Res. & Life

6. Spend a few moments praising Jesus and ask him to give you strong faith, even in the face of death.