

DEAD into eternal LIFE! The substitutionary death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus for our sins is **ALL the POWER we need to raise the dead!**

As we encounter processions of death, do we stop and touch the dead?

Lives are devastated while people yet live. Sin and death destroy families, marriages, individuals, communities, and the entire world.

Every time we **unleash the power of God unto salvation**, we open the possibility of LIFE for the hearers of the message!

We must NEVER underestimate the dynamic power God has provided to us! We must NEVER think we have nothing to offer the lost and dead.

Stop the funeral and offer LIFE to the DEAD!

*"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and **preach the gospel to every creature.**" (Mark 16:15)*

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**Conclusion:**

*"And that, knowing the time, that now it is **high time to awake out of sleep: for now is***

***our salvation nearer than when we believed."** (Romans 13:11)*

Jesus is returning sooner today than yesterday. Which, of course, means that death and hell are also rapidly approaching.

We must reach out and touch the dead with the life-giving power of Jesus Christ and His Gospel.

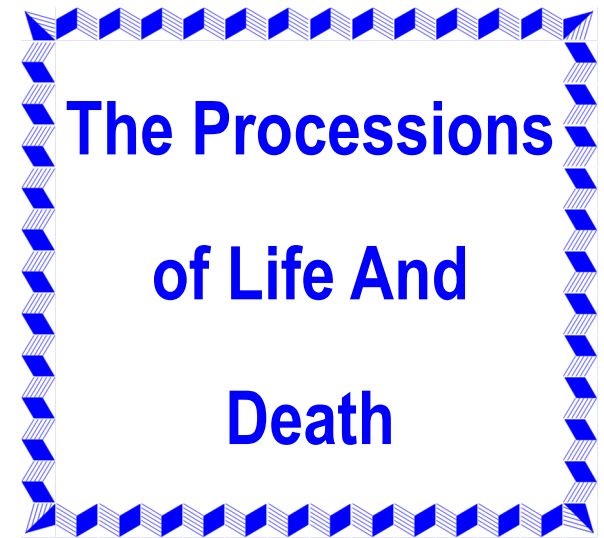
**Don't let Satan stop you!** Don't believe you are not qualified or equipped to share Jesus with others! Don't let fear and intimidation prevent you from speaking the message with the power to raise the dead!

**Satan wants you SILENT.**

**God wants you SHOUTING from the rooftops!**

Who will you listen to?

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*"See, I have set before thee this day **life and good, and death and evil;**"*
(Deuteronomy 30:15)

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**The Procession of Life**

*"And it came to pass the day after, that he went **INTO** a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and **much people.**" (Luke 7:11)*

Jesus and many of His disciples were entering the city of Nain, after having left Capernaum. In Capernaum, Jesus healed the deathbed servant of a centurion. Jesus restored the servant's life and acknowledged the fantastic faith of this Roman military leader.

## THE PROCESSIONS OF LIFE AND DEATH

Thus, Jesus led the **procession of LIFE** coming into the city of Nain.

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The Procession of Death

*"Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried **OUT**, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and **much people** of the city was with her." (Luke 7:12)*

Leaving Nain was a widow whose only son was dead, and a funeral procession was taking place. In those days, a widow with no sons had a daily struggle for life. There was no welfare system (other than the charity of the synagogue and religious community.) She had no husband and no son to provide for her needs. **Life and death** were indeed in the balance.

Thus, the widow and the **procession of DEATH** were going out of the city of Nain.

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### The Procession of Life And the Procession of Death Meet

*"And when the Lord saw her, he had **compassion** on her, and said unto her, **Weep not.**" (Luke 7:13)*

This widow is weeping. She has lost her husband. She has just lost her son. She has lost all confidence in her future. She is pretty much hopeless.

Jesus sees this grieving mother and does what Jesus does... **has compassion** on her and **comforts** her telling her not to cry.

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Both Processions Stop

*"And he came and **touched the bier**: and they that bare him **stood still**. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, **Arise**. (15) And he that **was dead sat up**, and began to speak. And he **delivered him to his mother.**" (Luke 7:14-15)*

Jesus stopped both processions by **TOUCHING** the funeral receptacle. In Bible times, devout Jews would not come close to a dead body (unless they had to.) Yet Jesus touched the coffin.

This touch brought everything to a standstill! Why did He touch the coffin? What was He going to do? He just healed the nearly dead centurion's servant; was He going to raise the dead?

Everyone was frozen, waiting for what would happen next.

Jesus speaks to the dead young man as though he were ALIVE. He tells the dead man to get up! The young man sat up and started talking! **Even the DEAD OBEY Jesus!**

Jesus brought the **dead to life!** Then He gave the son back to his mother, bringing to completion this event of compassion.

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### Jesus Brings The Dead To Life

*"And you hath he **quickened**, who **were dead in trespasses and sins**;" (Ephesians 2:1)*

In the account of the widow of Nain, we see that Jesus physically brought the dead to life. He still does this today.

As important as it was to this widow that her son was returned to her, it is **eternally more important that Jesus brings the spiritually dead to life!**

All believers used to be spiritually dead until we were presented with the Gospel and responded with repentance and faith.

All unbelievers **are still spiritually dead.**

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The Power To Bring The Dead To Life

*"For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ**: for **it is the power of God unto salvation** to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."*

(Romans 1:16)

We **HAVE the POWER** to bring the spiritually