

"When Death Stepped Aside"
Luke 7:11-16

1. What principles or observations from Luke 7:11-16 and Pastor Roger's message did you find to be helpful or insightful?
2. Why was the death of Messiah needed? Why is it called "Good Friday"?
3. In Luke 7:11-16, a large crowd is travelling with Jesus the 25 miles southwest from Capernaum to Nain. Christ's entourage encounters another crowd made up of mourners. As Jesus and his group are about to enter the city, they have to yield to a funeral procession that is coming out of the city. A dead man is being carried out. His mother is in the procession. What aspects of this mother's situation would have made it that much more challenging and painful for her (v.12)? What promises of God from His Word can we cling to and pass along to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one or dealing with a difficult time?
4. This widow was now completely alone and seemingly unprotected, without a close male relative. Remembering and caring for widows is a major theme in the Old and New Testaments. Look up the following verses and share how God provides for and is concerned for the widow:

Deuteronomy 14:28-29 –

Psalm 68:5 –

James 1:27 –

Acts 6:1-3 –
5. Jesus' heart goes out to this woman and He immediately began to comfort her. The verb for "felt compassion" refers to the "inner parts of the body" (like the heart) which were considered to be the seat of the emotions. Have you ever heard of a need and felt that stirring inside of you to help? Is there someone you can think of that might have a need today? What are some ways you could reach out and show the love of Christ to that person or others you who might be feeling isolated at this time?
6. As we celebrate Easter, why is the resurrection so central and important to the faith of a believer in Christ?