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**I Love My Church**

**Through Jesus, Anything is Possible**

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**Everybody’s Welcome. Nobody’s Perfect, and Through Jesus, Anything is Possible.**

**We have a death-defying, death-defeating, death-destroying Savior.**

*“Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she 3 was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.” Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.”*

*Luke 7:11-17 NIV*

**When death meets Jesus, death stops.**

1. When I’m overwhelmed and silent before God—with nothing to say—does He see me?

**God wants you to get where God wants you to go more than you want to get where God wants you to go.**

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

*Jeremiah 29:11*

1. Will Jesus reach out to me in the midst of my mess?

*“Whoever has the Son has life…”*

*1 John 5:12 ESV*

1. What about the miracle that didn’t happen for me? What does this story mean then?

*“I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.”*

*John 11:25 ESV*

**Jesus sees** → **Jesus feels** → **Jesus speaks.**

*“When the Lord* ***saw her****, his heart went out to her and he said, 'Don’t cry’.”*

*Luke 7:13 NIV*

*“Then he went up and* ***touched*** *the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still.”*

*Luke 7:14 NIV*

*“He* ***said****, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.”*

*Luke 7:15 NIV*

**When death meets Jesus, death stops—and life starts talking again.**

*“They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.”*

*Luke 7:16 NIV*

*“This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.”*

*Luke 7:17 NIV*

**Hope for today:** Jesus sees you—Jesus feels with you

**Hope for the future:** Nain is the **signpost**; Easter is the **sunrise**

Death doesn’t get the last word—Jesus does!

What would your world look like if you lived this out?

* **Name it (write it down).**
* **Invite Jesus (pray honestly).**
* **Walk toward the mess (show up).**
* **Speak life (send Scripture + a sentence).**

• Luke 7:13 —“He saw her and had compassion.” Add: “He sees you today.”

• Luke 18:27 — “What’s impossible with us is possible with God.” Add: “I’m praying that over you.” • Ephesians 3:20 — “He can do immeasurably more.” Add: “I’m asking Him to.”

* **Carry a corner (don’t do this alone).**

*“What is impossible with man is possible with God.”*

*Luke 18:27*