

Luke 7:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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. The phrase *en tō hexēs* (ἐν τῷ ἡξῆς, on the next [day]) marks the temporal connection—immediately after demonstrating authority over disease, Jesus reveals authority over death itself. Nain (Ναΐν, likely from Hebrew 'pleasant') was a small village, yet it witnessed one of Scripture's three recorded resurrections performed by Jesus (the others: Jairus's daughter, Lazarus).

Luke emphasizes the crowd: *ochlós polys* (ὄχλος πολύς, a great crowd). This ensured numerous witnesses to the coming miracle. The progression is deliberate: faith of a Gentile centurion (verses 1-10), then compassion toward a Jewish widow (verses 11-17)—demonstrating Christ's mission to all people, and His authority over sickness and death.

Historical Context

Nain was a small village about 25 miles southwest of Capernaum, near Mount Tabor. First-century funeral processions left from the city gate, as burial occurred outside city walls. The timing of Jesus' arrival at the precise moment of the funeral procession demonstrates divine providence.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does the immediate sequence from healing to resurrection reveal the progressive unveiling of Christ's divine authority?
2. What does Jesus' deliberate journey to Nain teach about His intentional compassion toward those in desperate need?
3. How should the presence of many witnesses encourage confidence in the historical reality of Jesus' miracles?

Interlinear Text

καὶ ἐγένετο ἐν τῇ ἔξῃς ἐπορεύετο εἰς πόλιν
And it came to pass G1722 G3588 the day after G1836 that he went G4198 into G1519 a city G4172
G2532 G1096

καλούμενην Ναΐν καὶ συνεπορεύοντο αὐτοῦ οἱ μαθηταὶ
called Nain And went with him G3588 disciples G3101
G2564 G3484 G2532 G4848 G846 G2532 G3793 G4183

αὐτοῦ ικανοὶ, καὶ ὄχλος πολύς
him many And people much
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