

Luke 7:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

Analysis

Jesus commanded the dead man: 'Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.' The Greek 'egerthēti' (ἐγέρθητι, be raised, passive imperative) is the same word used for resurrection. Jesus spoke with authority over death itself—His word raised the dead. The dead man 'sat up, and began to speak,' confirming genuine resurrection, not resuscitation of someone nearly dead. Jesus 'delivered him to his mother,' showing concern for relationship restoration, not merely performing a miracle. This demonstrates Jesus' authority over death and His compassion for human grief.

Historical Context

This is the first of three resurrection miracles in Luke's gospel (also Jairus' daughter, Luke 8:49-56; and implied Lazarus, referenced in John 11). Old Testament prophets performed resurrections (1 Kings 17:17-24, 2 Kings 4:32-37, 2 Kings 13:21), but Jesus' simple command—no elaborate ritual, no prayer, just authoritative word—demonstrated superior power. The crowd's response ('A great prophet is risen among us; God hath visited his people,' v. 16) recognized this miracle's significance. Resurrection power validated Jesus' messianic claims and foreshadowed His own resurrection, the ultimate defeat of death.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. What does Jesus' simple command raising the dead reveal about His divine authority over death itself?
2. How do Jesus' resurrection miracles foreshadow His own resurrection and ultimate victory over death?

Interlinear Text

καὶ προσελθὼν ἥψατο τῆς σοροῦ οἱ δὲ βαστάζοντες
And **he came** **and touched** G2532 G4334 G680 G3588 **the bier** G3588 G1161 **and** **they that bare** G941

ἔστησαν καὶ εἶπεν Νεανίσκε σοὶ λέγω ἐγέρθητι
him stood still **And** **he said** **Young man** **unto thee** **I say** **Arise**
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Additional Cross-References

John 5:25 (Parallel theme): Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

John 11:25 (Resurrection): Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

1 Kings 17:21 (Parallel theme): And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

Isaiah 26:19 (Resurrection): Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

Psalms 33:9 (Parallel theme): For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

Job 14:14 (Parallel theme): If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

Job 14:12 (Resurrection): So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

Romans 4:17 (Parallel theme): (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

John 5:21 (Resurrection): For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

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