

**BREAKING  
OPEN THE  
WORD**

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Lectionary: 90

Gospel Lk 7:11-17

Jesus journeyed to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd accompanied him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he was moved with pity for her and said to her, "Do not weep." He stepped forward and touched the coffin; at this the bearers halted, and he said, "Young man, I tell you, arise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, exclaiming, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst," and "God has visited his people." This report about him spread through the whole of Judea and in all the surrounding region.

**Spiritual Reflection:**

Our culture has a bizarre fascination with the afterlife with its focus on zombies and zombie apocalypses. I cannot help but wonder if this fascination has come about because people are losing faith in the REAL resurrection of the dead. The REAL resurrection is not the one where we turn into soulless monsters but instead the REAL resurrection is the one that when we are brought back to life by Christ we will be the best version of our self as we can be. In today's Gospel we are reminded of Jesus' power over death and this is truly Good News!

**Spiritual Questions**

1. What do you think about zombies?
2. What do you think about the Resurrection?
3. What does the Bible tell us about the Resurrection?
4. Do you believe that Jesus has power over death? Do your actions show that?
5. What are some other beliefs in the world about life after death?

