

SERIES: LUKE: THE SON OF MAN, THE SAVIOR
HAS COME, WEEK 51

TITLE: A DEAD MAN SPEAKS

TEXT: LUKE 7:11-17

INTRODUCTION: (1) IS ANYTHING AS PAINFUL AS
THE DEATH OF A CHILD?

* ONLY PARENTS WHO HAVE SUFFERED SUCH A
LOSS CAN TELL WHAT GRIEF THEY EXPERIENCED
WHEN THEY BURIED THEIR SON OR DAUGHTER,
AND WHAT PAIN THEY HAVE GONE THROUGH,
AS SOME OF YOU HAVE.

** THE DEATH OF A CHILD IS CERTAINLY ONE OF
THE GREATEST AGONIES POSSIBLE IN THIS LIFE,
A BURYING OF A PART OF ONESELF, SOMETHING
WE DON'T EXPECT TO DO, POSSIBLY A PARENT'S
GREATEST FEAR.

** YET OTHERS WOULD SAY THAT THE DEATH OF A MATE OF MANY YEARS IS EQUALLY AS HARD.

*** DEPENDING ON, LOVING, PROVIDING, BEING ONE WITH A MATE FOR 40, 50, 60 EVEN 70 YEARS AND LOSING THEM IS DEVASTATING, IT WOULD FEEL LIKE A PART OF YOU HAS DIED, FOR YOU THAT HAVE GONE THROUGH THAT.

**** AND THE REALITY TODAY, BOTH LOSING A CHILD AND LOSING A LIFE-LONG MATE ARE BOTH GREAT BURDENS, PAINS I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT, EXCEPT TO WATCH IT IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

(2) BUT THE WOMAN IN OUR TEXT TODAY EXPERIENCED BOTH OF THESE TRAGEDIES.

* FOR SHE WAS A WIDOW, SO HER HUSBAND DIED AT SOME POINT AND PROBABLY THAT DAY, LOST HER ONLY SON.

** NOW HER GRIEF MUST HAVE BEEN ALMOST UNBEARABLE FROM A NATURAL TEMPORAL PERSPECTIVE.

*** FOR NOT ONLY HAD SHE LOST HER HUSBAND AND ONLY SON, BUT NOW HAD NO ONE LEFT TO PROTECT HER AND PROVIDE FOR HER.

**** I MEAN THERE WAS NO SOCIAL SECURITY, NO WELFARE SYSTEM, NO MEDICARE OR MEDICAID, NO SAFETY NETS AT LEAST TO THE DEGREE WE HAVE TODAY. WIDOWS HAD A VERY DIFFICULT TIME IN THAT DAY.

(3) BUT NOT ONLY DID SHE LOSE HER MEANS OF **SUPPORT, HER ONLY SON'S PASSING MARKED** THE END OF THE FAMILY LINE.

* AND THE DEATH OF AN ONLY SON SYMBOLIZED THE EPITOME OF GRIEF IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

** FOR EXAMPLE IN JEREMIAH 6:26 ISRAEL IS **EXHORTED TO "MOURN AS FOR AN ONLY SON, A LAMENTATION MOST BITTER."**

*** IN AMOS 8:10, GOD WARNED OF A COMING **JUDGMENT ON ISRAEL THAT WOULD BE "LIKE A TIME OF MOURNING FOR AN ONLY SON, AND THE END OF IT WILL BE LIKE A BITTER DAY."**

**** AND THEN ZECHARIAH 12:10 LIKENS **ISRAEL'S FUTURE MOURNING OVER HER REJECTION OF HER MESSIAH TO THAT OF THE DEATH OF AN ONLY SON:**

(4) FOR ZECHARIAH 12:10 SAYS: "I WILL POUR OUT ON THE HOUSE OF DAVID AND ON THE INHABITANTS OF JERUSALEM, THE SPIRIT OF GRACE AND OF SUPPLICATION, SO THAT THEY WILL LOOK ON ME WHOM THEY HAVE PIERCED; AND THEY WILL MOURN FOR HIM, AS ONE MOURNS FOR AN ONLY SON, AND THEY WILL WEEP BITTERLY OVER HIM LIKE THE BITTER WEeping OVER A FIRSTBORN."

* NOW CLEARLY, THE DEATH OF AN ONLY SON SYMBOLIZED THE EPITOME OF GRIEF IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

** AND THE DAY JESUS CHRIST COMES TO NAIN, A WIDOW WOMAN WAS EXPERIENCING THAT BITTER WEEPING, GRIEF BEYOND IMAGINATION FOR MANY OF US.

*** IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE SADDEST DAY OF HER LIFE!

**** THEN ENTER JESUS CHRIST, WHOM SAID TO MARTHA ONE DAY AFTER SHE LOST HER BROTHER LAZARUS, QUOTE JOHN 11:25&26.

(5) AND JESUS ON THAT DAY RAISED LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD, AND ON THIS DAY OF OUR **TEXT IN NAIN, JESUS WILL RAISE THIS WIDOW'S** ONLY SON FROM THE DEAD.

* THIS WIDOW GOES FROM AGONY TO ECSTASY. FROM THE SADDEST DAY IN HER LIFE TO POSSIBLY THE HAPPIEST DAY OF HER LIFE.

** AND ALL BECAUSE JESUS MET HER THAT DAY AND DISPLAYED HIS COMPASSION, AND SAID TO **HER, "DO NOT WEEP" AND THEN GAVE A** REASON TO STOP WEeping AS HE TOLD HER ONLY SON TO ARISE!

*** AND WHAT HAPPENED, HE SAT UP AND SPOKE AND JESUS GAVE HIM BACK TO HIS MOTHER.

**** **IN LIGHT OF THAT, I'VE TITLED OUR SERMON TODAY, "A DEAD MAN SPEAKS." AND WHAT A DAY THAT WAS.**

(6) AND TO DIRECT OUR STUDY OF GOD'S WORD TODAY, WE'LL LOOK AT 5 POINTS.

* NO. 1 THE PURPOSE OF JESUS COMING TO NAIN, V. 11; NO. 2 THE PROVIDENCE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN NAIN, V. 12; NO. 3 THE PATHOS OF JESUS, HIS COMPASSION, HIS SYMPATHY, V. 13; NO. 4 THE POWER OF JESUS, RAISING HER SON FROM THE DEAD, VV. 14&15; AND NO. 5 THE PROPHET, AS JESUS IS CALLED A PROPHET IN RESPONSE TO WHAT HE DID, VV. 16&17.

** AND WITH THOSE 5 POINTS TO HANG YOUR THOUGHT ON, LOOK AT V. 11 PLEASE WHERE **WE'LL SEE OUR FIRST POINT, THE PURPOSE.**

I. THE PURPOSE. (READ V. 11)

A. NOW THE FIRST TWO WORDS IN V. 11, "SOON AFTERWARDS" POINTS BACK TO THE HEALING OF THE CENTURION'S SERVANT TALKED ABOUT IN LUKE 7:1-10, WHICH WE LOOKED AT LAST WEEK.

* AND SOON AFTER THIS WONDERFUL MIRACLE IN CAPERNAUM, JESUS GOES TO NAIN, A TINY VILLAGE APPROXIMATELY 20-25 MILES SOUTHWEST OF CAPERNAUM AND SIX MILES **SOUTHEAST OF JESUS' HOMETOWN OF NAZARETH.**

** AND THIS IS THE ONLY TIME THIS VILLAGE IS MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE.

***** AND JESUS WILL MAKE THIS FULL DAY'S**
JOURNEY WITH HIS DISCIPLES, ACCOMPANIED
BY A LARGE CROWD, AS MANY WERE
FOLLOWING JESUS AROUND BECAUSE OF HIS
MANY MIGHTY MIRACLES AND HEALINGS.

******** NOW WHY WOULD JESUS TAKE TIME TO
COME TO THIS SMALL, NONDESCRIPT TINY
VILLAGE?

1. WELL, JESUS ALWAYS ACTED WITH A FIXED
DIVINE PURPOSE, **ALWAYS DOING THE FATHER'S**
WILL, ALWAYS ON A DIVINE TIMETABLE,
MISSIONAL IN HIS PURPOSE.

* AND AS GOD INCARNATE, JESUS ALWAYS
ACTED WITH A RESOLVE TO BE WHERE HIS
FATHER WANTED HIM TO BE AND TO DO WHAT
HIS FATHER WANTED HIM TO DO, QUOTE JOHN
6:38 AND JOHN 9:4.

**** AND THEN IN JOHN 4:34 JESUS SAID: "MY**
FOOD IS TO DO THE WILL OF HIM WHO SENT ME
AND TO ACCOMPLISH **HIS WORK."**

***** WELL, HIS FATHER'S WORK WAS TO GO TO NAIN. AND WHEN JESUS SET OUT TO GO TO NAIN FROM CAPERNAUM, THE DISCIPLES NOR THE THRILL SEEKING CROWD KNEW WHY THEY WERE GOING TO THIS HOLE IN THE WALL VILLAGE.**

****** AND POSSIBLY THE YOUNG MAN THAT JESUS GOES TO NAIN TO RAISE FROM THE DEAD HAD NOT EVEN DIED YET, FOR IT WOULD BE A LONG DAY'S JOURNEY AND JEWISH CUSTOM DICTATED THAT BOTH THE FUNERAL AND BURIAL TAKE PLACE SOON AFTER DEATH, SOMETIMES THAT DAY ACCORDING TO ACTS 5:1-11, AS ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA WERE BURIED SOON AFTER THEY DIED ON THAT DAY.**

2. AND JESUS ON HIS DIVINE TIMETABLE HAD A PURPOSE IN GOING TO NAIN, AND THAT PURPOSE STARTS TO UNFOLD AS **WE SEE GOD'S PROVIDENCE IN V. 12. LOOK AT V. 12 PLEASE WHERE WE'LL SEE OUR 2'D POINT TODAY, THE PROVIDENCE.**

II. THE PROVIDENCE, (READ V. 12)

A. NOW IT WAS NO COINCIDENCE, NO ACCIDENT, AS JESUS APPROACHES THE GATE OF THIS VILLAGE WITH HIS DISCIPLES AND THE LARGE CROWD THAT IS FOLLOWING, A DEAD MAN WAS BEING CARRIED OUT OF THE CITY TO BE BURIED, FOR JEWISH BURIALS TOOK PLACE OUT OF TOWN, OUT OF THE VILLAGE.

* SO IN ESSENCE, THE FUNERAL WAS OVER AND THEY ARE GOING TO THE BURIAL SITE.

** AND JESUS JUST HAPPENS TO SHOW UP AT THIS TIME, WHAT LUCK FOR THE WIDOWS, WHAT A COINCIDENCE?

*** NO, THIS IS PROVIDENCE!

**** **FOR GOD'S PROVIDENCE IS THE LORD'S SUPERINTENDING CONTROL OVER ALL HUMAN CHOICES, EVENTS AND ACTION TO BRING ABOUT HIS PREDETERMINED PURPOSES.**

1. AND GOD'S PROVIDENCE INVOLVES
PERFECTLY CONTROLLING NATURAL EVENTS TO
BRING ABOUT HIS PURPOSES.

*** AND GOD'S CONTROL IN PROVIDENCE OVER**
EVENTS FLOW DIRECTLY FROM HIS ALMIGHTY
POWER, HIS KNOWING AND ORDAINING
EVERYTHING FROM HIS SOVEREIGN AUTHORITY.

**** AND BELOVED GOD ALWAYS ACTS WITH A**
GOOD FIXED PURPOSE. THERE ARE NO
CONTINGENCIES, NO COINCIDENCES, NO
ACCIDENTS, WITH NO LUCK.

***** THE SOVEREIGN PLAN OF GOD IS SETTLED,**
UNCHANGING AND INFALLIBLY BROUGHT TO
PASS.

****** FOR EXAMPLE ISAIAH 46:9&10 SAYS:**
(QUOTE V. 9)

V. 10 - DECLARING THE END FROM THE
BEGINNING, AND FROM ANCIENT TIMES THINGS
WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN DONE, SAYING, "MY
PURPOSE WILL BE ESTABLISHED, AND I WILL
ACCOMPLISH ALL MY GOOD PLEASURE."

2. ALSO QUOTE ISAIAH 55:11, PROVERBS 16:9, PROVERBS 21:1 AND ROMANS 8:28. (JOSEPH ALSO – GENESIS 50:20)

* AND ONE OF THE HERETICAL BLASPHEMOUS IDEAS ESPOUSED, BELIEVED BY SOME WHO FALSELY CALL THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS AND EVANGELICALS IS OPEN THEISM. AND ACCORDING TO THAT WRONG UNGODLY VIEW, GOD NEITHER INFALLIBLY KNOWS NOR SOVEREINLY PLANS THE FUTURE, THINGS JUST OCCUR, GOD IS SURPRISED, WAITING TO SEE THINGS THAT UNFOLD.

- BUT HAS IT EVER OCCURRED TO YOU THAT NOTHING EVER OCCURS TO GOD. HE IS NEVER SURPRISED, SHOCKED OR CAUGHT OFF GUARD.

**** IN UNDERSTANDING GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AND GOD'S GOOD PROVIDENCE, YOU MUST SEE THAT GOD IS NOT THE AUTHOR OF EVIL OR SIN ACCORDING TO HABAKKUK 1:13 AND EVEN CALAMITY IS UNDER HIS CONTROL.**

***** FOR AMOS 3:6 SAYS: "IF A CALAMITY OCCURS IN A CITY HAS NOT THE LORD DONE IT?" AND GOD USES WHAT HE EVEN HATES TO ACCOMPLISH THAT WHAT HE PURPOSES.**

**** AND IT IS ONE SUCH CALAMITY WHOSE EVENTS GOD SOVEREIGNLY ORDAINED IN HIS PROVIDENCE THAT IS BEFORE US HERE IN NAIN.

***** FOR AT THE PERFECT, RIGHT, ORDAINED TIME, AS JESUS APPROACHES THE GATE OF NAIN, A DEAD MAN WAS BEING CARRIED, THE ONLY SON OF THIS WIDOW AND A GOOD SIZE CROWD FOR THIS CITY IS FOLLOWING.

3. AND PROBABLY THE ORDER OF THIS PROCESSIONAL WAS THE MOTHER LEADING, THE SON BEING CARRIED AFTER IN A BIER, CALLED A CASKET, A STRUCTURE CARRYING THE BODY THAT HAS BEEN WRAPPED FROM HEAD TO TOE SOAKED WITH SPICES, AND THEN THE GOOD SIZE CROWD FOLLOWING IN MOURNING.

*** AND IN GOD'S PROVIDENCE JESUS IS GOING TO**
PERFORM AN EXTRAORDINARY MIRACLE THAT
HAPPEN ONLY A FEW TIMES IN SCRIPTURE. BUT
BEFORE HE DOES THAT WE SEE HIS GREAT
PATHOS.

**** LOOK AT V. 13 PLEASE WHERE WE'LL SEE OUR**
THIRD POINT TODAY.

III. THE PATHOS, (READ V. 13)

A. NOW THE WORD PA-THOS IS A WORD THAT
MEANS COMPASSION, A QUALITY THAT CAUSES
SOMEONE TO FEEL SYMPATHY, SADNESS AND
PITY.

* AND WHEN THE LORD JESUS SAW HER HE FELT
COMPASSION, PA-THOS FOR HER.

** AND THIS WORD TRANSLATED COMPASSION
IS AN INTENSE WORD FOR A GUT RESPONSE OF
LOVING SYMPATHY FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S PAIN,
THERE IS PASSIONATE HEARTFELT SYMPATHY
AND CARE HERE.

*** HIS HEART WENT OUT TO HER, HE FELT IT IN HIS GUT IS THE IDEA, THE SEAT OF EMOTION, JESUS TRULY FELT FOR HER, HE ACHED FOR HER. HOW COMFORTING TO KNOW THAT JESUS ALWAYS CARES.

**** AND A HYMN WAS GOING THROUGH MY HEAD AT THIS **TIME ON FRIDAY AS I'M ON V. 13, AND IT'S TITLE IS "DOES JESUS CARE WHEN MY HEART IS PAINED."**

1. AND IT SAYS:

DOES JESUS CARE WHEN MY HEART IS PAINED
TOO DEEPLY FOR MIRTH OR SONG,
AS THE BURDENS PRESS,
AND THE CARES DISTRESS,
AND THE WAY GROWS WEARY AND LONG?

DOES JESUS CARE WHEN I'VE SAID "GOODBYE"

TO THE DEAREST ON EARTH TO ME,
AND MY SAD HEART ACHES
TILL IT NEARLY BREAKS,
IS IT AUGHT TO HIM? DOES HE SEE?

O YES, HE CARES, I KNOW HE CARES,
HIS HEART IS TOUCHED WITH MY GRIEF;
WHEN THE DAYS ARE WEARY,
THE LONG NIGHT DREARY,
I KNOW MY SAVIOR CARES.

* AND BELOVED OUR SAVIOR CARES INFINITELY.
AND HE HAS COMPASSION ON THIS WIDOW
THAT HAD JUST LOST HER ONLY SON.

** AND WHAT HE TELLS HER IS STUNNING, FOR
HE SAYS, "DO NOT WEEP."

*** NOW I WOULD NEVER GO INTO A HOME OR A
FUNERAL HOME AND TELL A WIDOW THAT HAD
JUST LOST HER SON TO **NOT WEEP, DON'T CRY.**
HOW COULD I TELL HER HOW TO FEEL, SHE IS
GRIEVING.

**** **HOWEVER, OBVIOUSLY, I'M NOT JESUS. BUT**
JESUS WHO IS LORD OVER DEATH WAS GOING
TO CHANGE THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THAT SHE
COULD STOP WEEPING.

2. JESUS' GRACIOUS GENTLE COMMAND TO STOP WEeping IS BACKED UP BY THE POWER TO TURN WEeping INTO JOY. HE WOULD CHANGE THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND TURN HER MOURNING INTO JOY THROUGH HIS POWER, HE WOULD REMOVE THE CAUSE OF HER TEARS.

* WHICH LEADS US TO OUR 4TH POINT TODAY, THE POWER. LOOK AT V. 14 PLEASE.

IV. THE POWER, (READ V. 14)

A. NOW IN V. 14 WE SEE JESUS' POWER OVER PEOPLE AND HIS POWER OVER DEATH.

* AND FIRST HIS POWER OVER PEOPLE AND CEREMONY. FOR JESUS GOES UP AND TOUCHES THE COFFIN TRANSLATED BIER, IN THE ESV AND KJV, A BETTER TRANSLATION.

** FOR A BIER WAS A STRETCHER, THE BIER, WHICH MUST HAVE SHOCKED EVERYONE, FOR ACCORDING TO LEVITICUS 19:16, TOUCHING THE PLACE OF A DEAD PERSON, MADE THAT PERSON CEREMONIALLY UNCLEAN.

**** BUT ALL THE CEREMONIES POINTED TO JESUS WHO IS LORD OF LIFE AND THEREFORE IS NOT CORRUPTED OR CONTAMINATED BY DEATH.

1. AND THE PALLBEARERS CAME TO A HALT AND NORMALLY DOING WHAT JESUS DID WOULD CAUSE OUTRAGE AND COULD BE PHYSICALLY ATTACKED BY ANGRY MOURNERS.

*** BUT BECAUSE OF THE LORD'S COMMANDING, AUTHORITATIVE PRESENCE, THE BEARERS HOLDING HIM BY STAVES, SO THEY WOULDN'T BE DEFILED STOPPED.**

** AND JESUS SAYS ONE WORD TO THIS YOUNG **MAN, "ARISE!"**

*** AND IT WAS GOOD THAT **JESUS' COMMAND** TO ARISE WAS DIRECTED AT THE YOUNG MAN OR EVERYONE WHO HAD DIED PRIOR TO THIS WOULD HAVE AROSE FROM THE DEAD BECAUSE **OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION POWER, WHICH** WILL BE MANIFEST ONE DAY AS JESUS RAISES BELIEVERS FROM THE DEAD AS HE RETURNS IN THE AIR IN I THESSALONIANS 4:13-18.

**** BUT JESUS GIVES THE COMMAND TO ARISE TO THIS YOUNG MAN AND OF COURSE WHAT HAPPENS? WELL, LOOK AT V. 15 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 15. NOW WHAT HAPPENS, IMMEDIATELY LIFE IS GIVEN TO A DEAD MAN, DEATH HAD TO STOP IN ITS TRACKS.

* AN UNSTOPPABLE POWER WAS MEETING A SEEMINGLY IMMOVABLE OBJECT – DEATH, BUT THE POWER OF JESUS WAS GREATER THAN DEATH. FOR LIFE FLOWS BACK INTO THIS **YOUNG MAN'S BEING, A MIRACLE OF LIFE,** A MIRACLE OF CREATION OCCURS. A DEAD MAN COMES BACK TO LIFE.

** AND WHAT DOES HE DO? HE SITS UP ON THE BIER WHICH SHOWS IT WAS NOT A COFFIN, FOR HE JUST SITS UP, THERE IS NOTHING INHIBITING HIM AND HE SPEAKS.

*** AND IT DOES NOT SAY WHAT HE SAID BUT **WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO KNOW? I WOULD.**

**** **I'M SURE IT WAS NOT, I'M HUNGRY!** OR DID THE BROWNS BEAT THE STEELERS? NO NONE OF THOSE THINGS.

1. BUT MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME, LET ANGELS PROSTRATE FALL, BRING FORTH THE ROYAL DIADEM AND CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL!

* BUT WHATEVER HE SAID, IN ANOTHER ACT OF COMPASSION, JESUS THEN GIVES HIM BACK TO HIS MOTHER AND HER WORST DAY ON EARTH BECOMES HER BEST DAY ON EARTH. WHAT A GREAT DAY THAT WAS FOR THIS DEAD WIDOW. HER RESPONSE HAD TO BE GREAT JOY!

** BUT WHAT ABOUT THE RESPONSE OF THE FUNERAL PROCESSION, THE LARGE CROWD? **WELL THAT LEADS US TO V. 16 WHERE WE'LL** START TO SEE OUR LAST POINT TODAY, THE PROPHET. LOOK AT V. 16 PLEASE.

V. THE PROPHET, (READ V. 16)

A. NOW NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE RAISING OF THE YOUNG MAN FROM THE DEAD BROUGHT AN ABRUPT, SHOCKING, UNEXPECTED END TO THIS FUNERAL PROCESSION.

* IN FACT, FEAR GRIPPED THEM ALL, FEAR SEIZED THEM.

** AND THE GREEK WORD FOR FEAR HERE IS FOE-BOCE FROM WHICH WE GET OUR ENGLISH WORD PHOBIA.

*** AND IT APPEARS THEY WERE OVERWHELMED AT THE MANIFESTATION OF SUCH GREAT POWER. THERE IS SHOCK AND AWE.

**** AND IN RESPONSE, THEY BEGAN GLORIFYING GOD, NOT JESUS, BUT GLORIFYING GOD AND AFFIRMED THAT A GREAT PROPHET JESUS HAD RISEN AMONG THEM, AND THAT GOD HAD VISITED HIS PEOPLE.

1. AND GOD HIMSELF HAD VISITED HIS PEOPLE, JESUS CHRIST INCARNATE GOD, GOD WITH US, IMMANUEL.

* BUT IN THEIR MINDS, GOD HAD VISITED THEM WITH A PROPHET, JESUS. BUT JESUS WAS MORE THAN JUST A GREAT PROPHET LIKE ELIJAH OR ELISHA, BOTH OF WHOM RAISED A DEAD PERSON BY THE POWER OF GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

** BUT THE SAD REALITY IS THIS CROWD OF PEOPLE MISSED THE POINT THAT GOD WAS ACTUALLY PRESENT IN THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST.

*** THEY SAY THAT JESUS WAS SPECIAL, A PROPHET, BUT NOT MORE THAN A PROPHET, FOR HE IS KING AND PRIEST ALSO, PROPHET, PRIEST AND KING, THE BLESSED MESSIAH THE REDEEMER HIMSELF.

**** THE PEOPLE WERE RIGHT TO THINK THAT JESUS WAS A PROPHET, BUT HE WAS MUCH MORE, HE WAS GOD HIMSELF.

2. HOWEVER, THIS REPORT ABOUT JESUS WENT ALL OVER THE PLACE. LOOK AT V. 17 PLEASE.

B. READ V. 17. NOW THE REPORT WAS GOD HAD VISITED HIS PEOPLE AND GIVEN THEM A GREAT PROPHET.

* AND THAT WENT OVER ALL JUDEA, THE SOUTHERN REGION OF PALESTINE AND IN ALL THE SURROUNDING DISTRICT, THE SURROUNDING REGION, THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY, FOR NAIN WAS IN GALILEE, SO THE **WORD WAS ALL OVER AND JESUS' POPULARITY** WILL CONTINUE TO GROW FOR A WHILE, BUT SENTIMENT WILL CHANGE QUICKLY.

** BUT WHAT A MIRACLE HE PERFORMED THAT DAY!

IN WRAP UP AND IN APPLICATION: (1) THE CORRECT VIEW OF JESUS CHRIST IS THAT HE IS MORE THAN A PROPHET, THAT HE IS GOD THE SON, THE SECOND PERSON OF THE TRINITY INCARNATE, WHO CAME TO EARTH TO GIVE HIS LIFE A RANSOM FOR MANY AND TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS, WHO WAS DELIVERED OVER BECAUSE OF OUR TRANSGRESSIONS AND WAS RAISED FOR OUR JUSTIFICATION.

* AND THOSE WHO REJECT THAT TRUTH AND ONLY SEE HIM AS A GOOD MAN, A GOOD TEACHER, JUST A PROPHET WILL DIE IN THEIR SINS. FOR ACTS 4:12 SAYS (QUOTE IT).

** JESUS IS THE ONLY SAVIOR AND LORD. WHO DO YOU SEE HIM AS TODAY? IS HE YOUR SAVIOR AND LORD?

*** NEXT, TRUE BELIEVER, CHRISTIAN, THE DAY IS COMING WHEN JESUS WILL SAY TO THE SAVED DEAD, ARISE.

**** HE WILL SAY, WEEP NO MORE FOR ALL WILL BE WELL. AND AT THAT DAY, LOVED ONES WILL BE RESURRECTED THAT WERE IN CHRIST AND WE WILL BE REUNITED WITH THEM FOREVER.

(2) BUT THE BEST IS WE WILL BE WITH JESUS WITH NEW BODIES ON THAT RESURRECTION DAY. WE WILL SEE HIM FACE TO FACE. BELIEVER, VIA DEATH OR RESURRECTION, ONE DAY THE BEST IS YET TO COME, WE WILL NOT WEEP ANYMORE. QUOTE PHILIPPIANS 1:21&23, I THESSALONIANS 4:13-19, JOHN 11:25&26. (THEN PRAY)