

## TWO PARADES

Luke 7.11-17

A large crowd following Jesus encounters a large crowd heading to a cemetery for a burial. In this story, Luke continues to introduce us to the wonderful world of Jesus.

*When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry."  
Luke 7.13*

Luke shows us three promises of Jesus when we encounter difficult situations:

1. Jesus **SEES** us.

2. Jesus **KNOWS** our situation.

*You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.  
Psalm 139.2*

*And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Matthew 10.30*

3. Jesus gives us **HOPE**.

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...  
1 Peter 1.3*

The missing element of this story: **FAITH**

The underlying component of this story: God's **GRACE**

The major point of this story: **RESTORATION**

*Jesus gave him back to his mother. v15*

*"A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." v16*

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10.10*

There are two parades in this story. Which parade are you a part of?

What will you do next?

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**What is God saying to me?**

**What am I going to do about it?**

**Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!**

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