



Radical - Part 6 - “Radical Dignity: A Conversation with Laura Bullock”

Luke 7:11-17

11 Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. 12 As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. 13 When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.”

14 Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” 15 The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

16 They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” 17 This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- *In Luke 7:11-17, Jesus shows deep compassion for the widow who had lost her only son. How can we, as followers of Christ, demonstrate similar compassion towards those who are grieving or experiencing loss in our communities?*
- *Jesus' response to the widow's situation resulted in the restoration of her son's life. What can we learn from this passage about the transformative power of Jesus' compassion and how it relates to our own acts of kindness and care towards others?*
- *The people who witnessed the miracle in Luke 7:11-17 were filled with awe and declared that "God has visited his people." How can we reflect God's love and presence through our actions when we encounter individuals who are in desperate need?*
- *The widow in this passage was likely not expecting a miracle or encounter with Jesus that day. How can we cultivate an awareness and sensitivity to the needs of others around us, even when they may not explicitly express their pain or sorrow?*
- *Jesus' response to the widow's situation extended beyond just meeting her immediate need. He brought life back to her son, offering hope and a future. How can we go beyond providing temporary assistance and strive to empower and uplift those in need, enabling them to experience a new beginning?*