

CRINGE

Part 4: You Just Don't Do That!

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The Story (*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.

What we find in the story:

Two large crowds

Two broken hearts

Two only sons

Two mortal enemies: Life and Death

The Cringe Moment

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 coffin, and those carrying it stood still.

You just didn't do that!

The Rest of the Story

^{14b} 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.

What we find in the story:

One saved life

One thankful soul

One worshiping family

One purpose served

One triumphant Savior

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Next Steps

- Jesus reached out to the widow with compassion. Who is someone you could reach out to this week? Pray for them, come up with a plan and follow through with it.
- Is there an area of your spiritual life that seems dead? Pray that Jesus would breathe new life into it. Listen for direction and then do something about it. Need ideas? Pick up a DEEP Discipleship Guide in the Commons or download one at ctkbellingham.com/deep.

Small Group Questions



- 1) Why do you think many people are uncomfortable at funerals?
- 2) Have you ever been to a memorable funeral? What made it memorable or different? What set it apart from other funerals you have attended?
- 3) Verse 15 in the story says that the dead man sat up and began to talk. What do you think he said after being raised from the dead?
- 4) Jesus is not afraid of death because Jesus is life. Has your relationship with Jesus changed the way you view death? How so?
- 5) Jesus reached out to the widow with compassion. Who is someone you could reach out to this week? What are their circumstances? What is your plan?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?