

# **Class Structure**

- 1: Lords Prayer English & Greek**
- 2: Gospel Reading, discussion and explanation**
- 3: Pick a Saint to talk about and Miracles**
- 4: Read the Creed until learned by memory Greek & English**

**1: Lords Prayer English & Greek** *(Pray with class)*

**2: Gospel Reading, discussion and explanation**

*Ask the students who wants to read the Gospel*

**Luke 7:11-17** *(New King James Version)*

**Jesus Raises the Son of the Widow of Nain**

**11** Now it happened, the day after, *that* He went into a **city called Nain**; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a **large crowd**.

**12** And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a **dead man** was being carried out, the **only son of his mother**; and she was a **widow**. And a **large crowd** from the city was **with her**.

**13** When the **Lord saw her**, He had **compassion** on her and said to her, **“Do not weep.”**

**14** Then He came and **touchd the open coffin**, and those who carried *him* stood still. And He said, **“Young man, I say to you, arise.”**

**15** So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

**16** Then **fear came upon all**, and they **glorified God**, saying, “A great prophet has risen up among us”; and, **“God has visited His people.”**

**17** And this **report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region**.

**Ask questions about Gospel then explain it to the students**

*1 Kings 17:8-24 Old Testament that parallels and foreshadows the new*

# 1 Kings 17:8-24 *(New King James Version)*

## **Elijah and the Widow**

**8** Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying,

**9** “Arise, go to **Zarephath**, which *belongs* to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.”

**10** So he arose and **went to Zarephath**. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a **widow** *was* there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “**Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink.**”

**11** And as she was going to get *it*, he called to her and said, “**Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.**”

**12** So she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, **I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and not die.**”

**13** And **Elijah** said to her, “**Do not fear**; go *and* do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring *it* to me; and afterward make *some* for yourself and your son.

**14** For thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.’ ”

**15** So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for *many* days.

**16** The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.

## **Elijah Revives the Widow’s Son**

**17** Now it happened after these things *that the son of the woman* who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that **there was no breath left in him.** (*he died*)

**18** So she said to Elijah, “What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to **kill my son?**”

**19** And he said to her, “**Give me your son.**” So he took him out of her arms and carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his own bed.

**20** Then **he cried out to the LORD** and said, “O LORD my God, have You also brought tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge, by killing her son?”

**21** And he stretched himself out on the child three times, and cried out to the LORD and said, “O LORD my God, I pray, let this child’s soul come back to him.”

**22** Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came back to him, and he revived.

**23** And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives!”

**24** Then the woman said to Elijah, “Now by this I know that you *are* a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth *is* the truth.”

In these two readings, there are parallels and foreshadowing that Jesus is a profit and God with us. Nain was located 5.5 miles Southeast of Nazareth, where Jesus did his miracle of raising the man from the dead. Elijah raised a man from the dead in the city of Shunem, which was 7 miles from Nazareth. In 1 Kings, Elijah has compassion for the woman who lost her son. Likewise, in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus sees a lady who lost her son and has compassion for her as well. Here we see the similarity between the two. The significant difference between these two stories is that Elijah stretches out over the man 3 times, unknowingly showing the foreshadowing of the trinity, and prayed to God for his intercession to raising from the dead, and he is restored to life, whereas Jesus as God raised him by his word alone. Elijah raises the dead as a type of resuscitation of life because, eventually, he will die. Whereas Jesus raises the man's soul and body, foreshadowing the resurrection of eternal life, only God can do this. Because the cities were so close, the people in the area knew from their parent's writings in history new about the miracles of Elijah and how God talked with him. Without thinking when they saw the miracle, they stated in verse 16 that “A great prophet has risen up among us”, fulfilling the promise of God in Deuteronomy 18:18 I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. They also stated in verse 16 that God has visited His people. They were proclaiming that Jesus was God without realizing it. In the next section of Luke when John the Baptist tells his disciples to ask Jesus who he is. After the crowd proclaims him to be God, he tells them. “Go and tell John the things which you have seen and heard: that the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news

preached to them” (Luke7:22). In both readings Elijah and Jesus both have compassion on the Woman that lost her son.

Jesus tells us in **Luke 10:27**, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’ ” He’s trying to show us how to **have compassion on everyone**. Without love for God and the love of God, you cannot have **compassion** for your neighbor. This is why he says Love God with all your heart and soul **first**. When you can do this, you will begin to love your neighbor.

**How do we show God we love him?** ( ask the Class )

**Let’s talk about the word “compassion. (Write the word on the board.)**

***Can any one tell us what that word means?***

**Compassion** *is the feeling you have when you see someone who has been hurt or suffered misfortunate and you want to help.*

Compassion is an interesting word because it means **more than feeling sorry for someone.**

**Compassion involves action** – figuring out what to do to help.

Can you think of **people who show compassion?**

**Doctors and nurses** who work with sick people.

**Firemen** who put out fires and rescue those who are in danger.

**Missionaries** who minister to people all over the world.

**Individuals** who take care of animals.

There are people who group together to show compassion for others. One group is called **Habitat for Humanity**. They build houses for people who need homes.

Our **Churches** show compassion for people in need in many ways.

Can you think of others?

**Compassion means action. Let's all get in on the action and do what we can to help others. Next week I want everyone to tell me one thing you did to have compassion on someone.**

**Ask students questions how can we tend our soil.**

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