

“JESUS CHRIST - A MAN APPROVED OF GOD ([Acts 2:22](#))”

Miracle #11 – “THE WIDOW’S DEAD SON AT NAIN”

[Luke 7:11-14,15-17](#)

CHRIST (GOD) VISITS HIS PEOPLE ... WITH POWER OVER DEATH

Israel has a history of people being raised from the dead, with a few examples as follows ...

1. **Elijah** raises the son of the widow of Zarephath ([1 Kings 17:17-24](#)).
2. **Elisha** raises the Shunammite woman’s son from the dead ([2 Kings 4:18-37](#)).
3. **A dead Elisha** raises a man by default ([2 Kings 13:20-21](#)), when grave diggers throw a man’s body into Elisha’s sepulchre, such that “*when the body touched Elisha’s bones, the man came to life and stood up on his feet*”. ([2Kings 13:21](#))

Now the **first** recording of a dead person’s resurrection in the New Testament person, comes with Christ raising the only son of the widow at Nain ... and it came a **complete surprise** to the funeral attendees, that Christ had such power over death ([Luke 7:16](#)).

The account is as follows:

*“And it came to pass the day after, that he (Christ) went into a city called **Nain**; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the **only son** of his mother, and she was a **widow**: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and **touched the bier**: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that **was dead sat up**, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. And there came **a fear** on all: and **they glorified God**, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, **That God hath visited his people**. And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judaea, and throughout all the region round about.”* ([Luke 7:11-14,15-17](#))

JEHOVAH NOT KNOWN

From the beginning, God, in talking about Israel, says “... by my name **JEHOVAH** was **I not known to them**.” ([Exodus 6:3](#)), and so God begins to reveal himself to Israel through various acts and victories, in order they might know his character.

For some examples ... as Jehovah **Jireh**, it is the God who **provides** the lamb instead of his son Isaac ([Genesis 22:14](#)); as Jehovah **Nissi**, it is the God of the **banner** when Moses experiences physical and spiritual victory in raising God’s standard over his enemies

([Exodus 17:15](#)); as Jehovah **Shalom** it is the God that gives **peace** to Gideon ([Judges 6:24](#)) ... and many more.

CHRIST ALSO NOT KNOWN

The devils knew who Christ was ([Mark 1:34](#)) but Israel didn't ([John 1:10](#); [1 Corinthians 2:8](#)).

Mirroring Jehovah in the Old Testament, **Jesus Christ repeats this on-going 'revealing' process** as well, and as Jehovah manifest in the flesh, Christ reveals his character with power over **creation** ([miracle #1](#)); power over **fever** ([miracle #2](#)); power over **devils** ([miracle #3](#)) and so on ... until we come to the '**big one**' ... miracle #11 where Christ has power over **death** in raising the widow's son.

ISRAEL ... ALWAYS A FLESHY PEOPLE NEEDING PROOF

We must remember, unlike today, people believe on the Lord Jesus Christ **without** needing physical miracles. Israel has **never** been like that. In the Old Testament, Israel needed **physical acts of deliverance of sight and sound** ... but as Christ says, prophecy must be fulfilled as follows ...

*"And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and **shall not understand**; and seeing ye shall see, and **shall not perceive**:"* ([Matthew 13:14](#))

Israel hears and sees the acts of God, but does not grasp the intended spiritual messages.

Similarly, when Christ was on earth, Israel **again** needs physical acts in the form of miracles, but again they have Christ 'tearing out his hair' ([Matthew 13:13](#)) by being blind and deaf.

Israel, being Christ's people ([Matthew 1:21](#)), mirror Christ ... the **was, is** and **is to come** ([Revelation 4:8](#)) ... but in the wrong way ... by being the **were, are** and **always will be** nation.

Israel **were, are** and **always will be** a fleshy people, that **cannot** even be convinced through the five senses ... either for good or bad. A hundred stripes or a hundred miracles? ... neither has any effect on Israel ([Isaiah 1:2](#); [Proverbs 17:10](#)). Only God can, and will, miraculously rescue them ([Zechariah 12:10](#)) ... such is their lost state as a completely helpless and disease-ridden sheep nation ... filthy, wet and wandering in desolation ([Ezekiel 16:2-5,6](#); [Ezekiel 19:13](#)).

IN SUMMARY ...

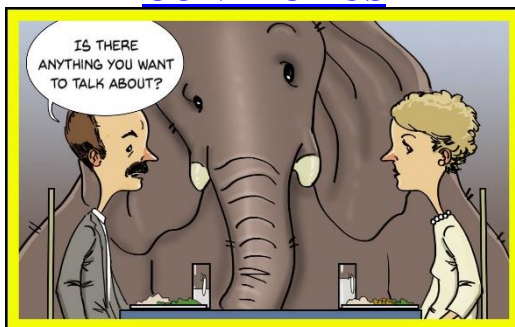
1. As most funerals are sad and heart wrenching affairs for the surviving friends and relatives, they need not be ... as Christ provides proof at Nain ... such that **people will fear** and **glorify God** ([Luke 7:16](#)).
2. Christ performing the widow's son miracle is demonstrating through the physical, that alive or dead, **Christ is life** ([John 1:4](#); [John 3:36](#); [John 4:14](#))
3. Christ provides indisputable proof that he is God in that " ... **God hath visited his people**" ([Luke 7:16](#); [1 Timothy 3:16](#)).
4. For we **Christians**, we are **already** in heaven, being **in** Christ ([Hebrews 10:12](#)) ... passing through physical death, as being a veil of no obstacle.

Alive on the earth? ... dead on the earth? ... it does not matter ... it's all the same for Christians ([Philippians 1:20](#))

Dead in Christ means life in Christ
([1 Thessalonians 4:16](#); [Colossians 3:3](#)).

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