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(12) And as He drew near to the gate of the city, behold, one who had died was being carried out, an only son to his mother, and she was a widow; and a considerable crowd from the city was with her. (13) And when the Lord saw her, He was moved with compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." (14) And He came up to the bier and touched it, and those who were bearing it stopped. Then He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise!" (15) And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and He gave him to his mother. (16) Then fear seized everyone, 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 out into all Judea and all the country around.

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The most profound of all the [miracles Jesus](#) performed during His earthly ministry are those in which He *resurrected* someone. The New Testament records three of these resurrection miracles, including the raising of a widow's son, of Jairus' daughter, and of Lazarus. Luke the physician is the only one to record the raising of a widow's son ([Luke 7:11-17](#)). It is interesting that each of the three resurrection miracles reports the dead person in a different stage of death from the other instances. When Christ raises Jairus' daughter to life, she is still in the bed where she had died only a few hours earlier. The widow's son lies in an open coffin on his way to his grave when Jesus performs the miracle. Finally, Lazarus is already in the grave and has been dead for four days by the time Christ arrives and raises him from the dead ([John 11:39](#)).

The varying length of times they had been dead and yet were still resurrected shows that Christ can raise the dead no matter what. His miraculous power to resurrect is not dependent upon whether a person has just died, has been dead for days, or is already decomposing. The same principle holds true regarding spiritual [salvation](#): [God](#) and Christ can save any sinner no matter how old he is, how long he has been a sinner, or how badly he has sinned.

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In the account of the resurrection miracle in Luke 7, the young man who has died is the only son of his widowed mother (verse 12). His death is twice as traumatic for the woman because she is now sonless as well as spouseless.

— Martin G. Collins

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