

# RAISED FROM THE DEAD / *Luke 7:16*

There are many similarities between this story and the one recorded in 1 Kings 17:8-24. The location and the nature of the miracle caused the townspeople to recognize that a “great prophet” was among them.

## **Elijah/Elisha**

Elisha raised a boy from the dead, the only child of a woman in Shunem (2 Kings 4:8, 32-37).

Elijah also raised the son of a widow in Zarephath. He first met the widow at the village gate (1 Kings 17:10).

The boy who died was the son of a widow (1 Kings 17:9, 17).

The expression is that Elijah “gave” the boy back to his mother (1 Kings 17:23).

The recognition that a man of God had done the miracle (1 Kings 17:24).

However:

Elijah had to cry out to the Lord and stretch himself on the boy three times (1 Kings 17:20-21).

Elisha prayed and stretched himself out on the boy (2 Kings 4:32-35).

## **Jesus**

Jesus raised a boy from the dead, the only son of a widow in Nain (Luke 7:11). Scholars place Nain on the other side of the hill of Moreh from Shunem, thus placing this miracle in the same general location as Elisha’s. The people would have remembered this from Scripture and the life of the great prophet Elisha.

Jesus met the woman as he approached the village gate (Luke 7:12).

The boy who died was the son of a widow (Luke 7:12).

The expression is repeated that Jesus “gave him back to his mother” (Luke 7:15).

The recognition that “a mighty prophet has risen among us” (Luke 7:16).

However:

Jesus merely had to speak a word of command. Jesus spoke and the boy came back to life. Jesus’ power was clearly superior to that of the greatest OT prophets.