

## **Thought for the day – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021**

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### **The widow of Nain and Jesus**

Luke tells the story of Jesus, and his disciples and a crowd. They approach the town of Nain and they meet the funeral procession of a widow's son.

Jesus has compassion on her and says "do not weep." (I expect there was some weeping).

Jesus touches the bier and he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. They glorified God, saying "A great prophet has risen among us."

John the Baptist will be told that the dead are raised.

Jesus acts from love and grace; the woman has not asked him to raise her son.

We can assume and hope that the young man and his mother will be able to care for each other.

Jesus once again shows love and compassion for a woman. The people made the comparison of Jesus with Elijah, (who also raised a widow's son).

At this time we all know people who are mourning. May we lift them to God in prayer.

(Luke 7.11-17)