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A Good News Story

Jesus Raises the Dead and Heals Many

Q&A

What sight did Jesus see in Nain?

Who wanted to know more about Jesus?

Read more about it in Luke 7

Catholic News Service

Jesus and the apostles had just visited Capernaum. The elders of the city had asked Jesus to heal a centurion's slave who was ill and about to die.

The centurion sent messengers to Jesus. They said the centurion felt he was not worthy enough for Jesus to come into his home, but he believed that just a word from Jesus would heal his slave.

"I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith," Jesus said.

When the messengers returned home, they found the slave in good health.

Soon afterward, Jesus and His friends, along with a large crowd, traveled to a city called Nain.

As Jesus came upon the city gate, He saw a very sad sight.

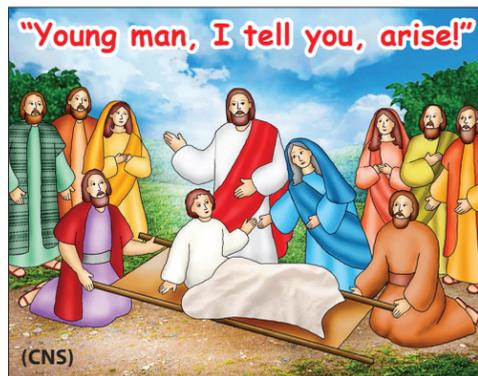
A crowd of people was with a widow, whose only son had died. They were following behind the body as it was being carried out of the city.

Jesus was moved with pity for the woman.

"Do not weep," He told her.

Jesus stepped forward to touch the coffin.

"Young man, I tell you, arise!" He said.



Bible Trivia

What did the people say God had done after Jesus raised the widow's son? (Hint: Luke 7:16)

Answer: Visited His people.

The young man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.

At first, the people were afraid. Then they began to glorify God.

News of what happened spread all around Judea and the surrounding region.

The followers of John the Baptist heard about it and all the other things Jesus was doing, like curing people of their diseases, sufferings and evil spirits, and granting sight to many who were blind.

John's followers told him about Jesus. Then he summoned two of his followers.

He told them to go to Jesus and ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

The two followers went to Jesus.

"John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?'" they said.

"Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them," Jesus replied. "And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

Camp Brings Games, Grace and Great Faith

GENEVA—From July 10 through July 15, St. Peter Parish continued its summer tradition of hosting a weeklong Totus Tuus camp for students entering first through twelfth grades.

Students in first through sixth grades joined daytime sessions, and students in seventh grade and above attended in the evening. Over 120 youth participated.

The camp, which was organized and run by the parish Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs, combines the fun of summer camp with learning about God's love and the beauty of the Catholic faith.



(Photos provided/ Laurie Brown)

Father Jonathan Bakkellund, pastor of St. Peter Parish, answers and asks questions during the daytime sessions of the Totus Tuus camp.



St. Peter parochial vicar Father John McFadden (right) and Rockford diocesan seminarian Ryan Noorae wave a garden hose as campers flock to get splashed (and get a drink).



Ryan Noorae gets soaked during a water game at Totus Tuus at St. Peter Parish in Geneva.