



Jesus did not encounter the world as it should be, He encountered the world as it is—filled with pain, struggle, grief, and tears. This world of suffering is, in some ways, embodied in a woman Jesus encountered in Luke 7. It is important for us to see how He responded to her pain and her tears. Join the *Discover the Word* team as we look to our compassionate Christ and see how we can follow His example in our world today.



THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read Luke 7:11–16. Two crowds meet at the gates of Nain—one from Capernaum and one from Nain. Why would these two groups have displayed very different sets of emotions?
- Focus on the woman Jesus encounters. How is she described and defined by her losses? How have times of loss been defining moments for you?
- In Luke 7:13, Jesus tells the grieving widow not to cry. How does that hit you—harsh? Caring? Concerned? Why?
- The crowd responds with fear and by glorifying God. Why were both responses appropriate? Why did this event convince them that Jesus was a “great prophet” (v. 16)?



CHALLENGE

Living in a world of tears and heartache, how can Jesus’s compassion for this woman inform how we respond to the people around us who are hurting?



COMMIT TO MEMORY

“He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted” (Isaiah 53:3–4 NASB).



PRAYER

Dear Father, thank You for Your heart for hurting people and Your compassion for the brokenhearted. Help me to run to You when my own heart breaks, and enable me to be an instrument in Your hands to help others who are hurting. Amen.