

THEME: JESUS CHRIST THE OMNIPOTENT AND OMNISCIENT GOD

TEXT: LUKE 7:11-15

PROPOSITION: *Who is this man Jesus Christ?*

OBJECTIVE

This sermon seeks to help the congregation:

- 1. To understand that Jesus is God and third person in the trinity.**
- 2. To understand the Omnipotence and Omniscience of Jesus Christ who is in the very nature God.**
- 3. To demonstrate how Jesus Christ understands our grief and sorrow and restores happiness and joy.**
- 4. To be lead to trust in Jesus Christ who is the resurrection, all knowing and all powerful God.**
- 5. To restore hope to the broken hearted.**

INTRODUCTION

Life is full of difficulties and challenges that make one wonder whether there was really any God who cares. Many a times we experience sorrow and grief and suffer a lot because we do not get what we want. We many a times ask what is the meaning of life? Does God really care? *Jesus Christ brought to life the only son of a widow, she had despaired and full of sorrow. It was as if God had left her. But Jesus Christ being the Omnipotent God understood her anguish and pain. He raised her son to life in Luke 7:11-15. Jesus Christ is Omnipotent (All Powerful). He wants you to have joy. He understands what you go through and the pain you experience. Jesus Christ intends to give you happiness and joy because He is Omnipotent. He is all powerful. Jesus Christ is also omniscient. He knows everything past present and future. He knew the secret sins of the Samaritan woman. Jesus had seen Nathanael even before Philip had called him (John 1:48). Jesus restores the joy of the broken hearted just as he restored the joy of*

Martha and Mary by raising their dead brother Lazarus to life. He is Omnipotent (All powerful) and Omniscient (All Knowing). Trust him

I. WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

Hebrews 1:3 “The Son is the Radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful word”.

John 14:9 “Jesus answered: **“Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.**”

How can God be three persons? The Bible teaches that the Father is God (Romans 1:7). The Bible teaches that the Son is God (Hebrews 1:8). The Bible teaches that the Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4). Yet the Bible makes it very clear that there is only one God (Deuteronomy 4:35). (Illustrate with the egg, shell, white, and yolk; also Water as Liquid, Ice or steam).

II. JESUS CHRIST THE OMNIPOTENT (ALL POWERFUL) GOD. *(Understands our grief and brings joy). Luke 7:11-15.*

During a funeral procession in Jewish tradition, relatives of the dead would follow the coffin. By standers would be expected to join the procession. There were professional mourners hired to cry aloud to draw attention to the procession. The family would continue mourning for 30 days.

Jesus approached the town gate of Nain at a time when a burial procession for a dead person was taking place, the only son of a widow. She was in grief and great sorrow. Her husband had died, now her only son followed. She was crying, life was so unfair to her. Jesus Christ comforted her “Don’t cry” he said.

Sometimes life seems so much unfair, some circumstances bring us much sorrow and grief, and there are situations that make us cry. **The Omnipotent** (All powerful) Jesus

Christ tells you do not cry. No matter the situation you may be going through now Jesus Christ is telling you don't cry.

It seems it is not just Luo and Luhya who speak to dead people. Yet dead people cannot hear you. But Jesus Christ **the Omnipotent** (All Powerful) God touched the coffin and spoke to a dead person. "Young man I say to you get up". In this instance the dead man got up and began to speak. He gave back the young man to his mother. He removed her sorrow and grief and restored her joy. Because he is Omnipotent God.

Why did Jesus do this miracle? He wanted people to believe that he is indeed God.

III. **JESUS CHRIST THE OMNIPOTENT GOD IS NEVER LATE. John 11:17-44**

Jesus delayed four more days after Martha and Mary sent for him. He did this intentionally. Jesus who is **Omniscient (All knowing)** knew that Lazarus would die and he would raise him from the dead. In Romans 8:28 He works everything for the good of those who love him. What good is there from losing a brother? But Jesus knew by what he would do at the end it would give glory to God because he would do more than just praying for a sick man to get well.

Vs. 21 "Lord if you had been here my brother would not have died". Many times we limit the power of God like Martha.

Are there times you think that God has delayed so much that the situation is beyond recovery? When all hope is gone and there is nothing humanly speaking you can do about it?

John 11:25-26. Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" Jesus does not just resurrect people, he is the resurrection and the life.

Vs. 35 Jesus Wept. Jesus being God is also 100% human. He was also grief stricken because of the death of his friend. When we are in pain Christ also grieves with us and feels with us. **Vs. 36** The Jews could attest how Jesus loved Lazarus when they saw his tears.

Vs. 37 But they limited his power by saying “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” They thought Jesus was late and nothing could be recovered.

Martha and Mary had felt the same that Jesus was late “Teacher if you had been here my brother could not have died”

Are there times you feel that God has been late? That it is all over and beyond recovery?

Not so with **Omnipotent Jesus Christ.**

Vs. 43-44 Jesus called in a loud voice “Lazarus come out” and the dead man came out of the tomb having been dead four days and stinking.

Jesus Christ is in the very nature God because he is Omnipotent (All powerful) and he is never late.

He speaks life to the dead. He speaks life to dead situations and circumstances.

When there is no more hope left Jesus brings happiness and joy. He did this so that all would know Jesus Christ is God in the very nature.

IV. WHO IS THIS MAN JESUS CHRIST?

- a. Jesus not only spoke to dead people and they lived, he also spoke to the wind and the waves and they obeyed him (Luke 8:22-25).
- b. Jesus is the man who cursed a fig tree for not having fruit and it dried instantly (Matt 21:19-20).

- c. Jesus has power over demons, he cast a legion of demons out of one man (Mark 5:1-16).
- d. Jesus is the man who defied the forces of nature and walked on water (Mark 6:45-51)
- e. Jesus is the man who gave an enormous catch of fish to fishermen who had worked all night and caught nothing (John 21:3-6). Jesus showed them that without God's help their labors were useless.
- f. Jesus changed the character of greedy and corrupt tax collector to a generous and honest man (Luke 19:1-9).
- g. Jesus by passed the usual method of providing food through planting crops and waiting for rain and for the food to grow. He provided food instantly by feeding over 5,000 hungry men. Just like God provided mana in the desert. (Matt 14:15-21).
- h. Jesus Christ healed ten outcast lepers who had no hope in life and no hope for normal relationship with others (Luke 17:11-19). Jesus gives hope and restores the joy of the broken hearted.
- i. Jesus is the man who changed water into wine to keep a marriage celebration from ending (John 2:1-11). Jesus showed that he personally cared about the happiness of the young bride and groom. Jesus cares about your happiness. He has power over the quality of things. He had power to change ordinary things like water into quality wine. Jesus has power over the quality of life itself. When Jesus enters a person's life, the quality of that person's life is changed.

V. JESUS CHRIST IS THE OMNISCIENT GOD (He knows everything).

- a. When Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well and told her about the secret sins of her life, he revealed the omniscience of God. (John 4:17-18).
- b. Jesus had seen Nathanael even before Philip had called him (John 1:48).

- c. Nothing that takes Jesus by surprise because He knows everything even before it happens.
- d. Because Jesus knows everything He is able to work everything for the good of those who love him (Romans 8:28). Because God knows things before they even happen he already has a solution or remedy at hand to make even the worst situations and circumstances turn out for the good. God knew the painful experience Job would go through beforehand and had a solution to give Job joy at the end. God knew all the bad things Joseph would face in life, the rejection by his brothers and sale as a slave in Egypt, the accusation of attempted rape and jailing in Egypt and eventually being forgotten by the fellow prisoner he helped in interpreting dream. So God had a plan for Joseph beforehand to work everything for the good of Joseph, to give him leadership in Egypt and thus save Egyptians and his father's family. Because Jesus is **Omniscient** (knows everything) he works everything for the good of those who love him (Romans 8:28).

VI. CONCLUSION / APPLICATION

- a. Jesus Christ is Omnipotent God, (All powerful). He understands our pain and brings joy and happiness to those who are in great difficulty, grief and sorrow. He speaks life into dead situations and circumstance when there is no more hope left.
- b. Jesus Christ is never late and works everything for the good of those who believe him.
- c. Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life. **John 11:25-26**. Jesus said to her, **"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"**

- d. Jesus Christ is the Omniscient God. He knows everything before it happens. He knows our deepest secrets. He even knows more than we know about ourselves. He knows the number of hair on our head.
- e. Would you like to trust this all powerful and all-knowing Jesus Christ?
- f. God spoke through Jeremiah 29:11 to the exiles in Babylon who had lost hope “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.
- g. Would you like to trust this all powerful and all-knowing Jesus Christ?