

GO AND TELL JOHN

Luke 7:11- 22

EXT. NAIN (A STREET IN THE CITY) - DAY

Wide views of a great city near a long river; a large crowd is seen on the sides of the river shore. Two children, a twelve year old boy and a ten year old girl are playing in the water. Other children of different age groups are also there nearby.

Beautiful and luscious green bushes and trees add charm to the surroundings.

Jesus is washing his hands bending towards the river. (seen in reflection)

His reflection spreads in the river when he dips his hands in the water.

Water ripples and touches the children.

Children stop playing and look at Jesus.

Camera follows his hands splashing water on his face.

Water falls from his face and he is clearly seen.

The boy and the girl look at him with admiration. Boy murmurs.

BOY (murmurs): Jesus

Slowly Jesus stands straight hearing a meager cry of a woman.

Jesus slowly looks far at the city.

A big city gate with a great wall is seen at a distance.

His disciples are also there in the surroundings. Some are washing their hands in the river. They also notice the voice and look at Jesus.

Jesus turns and walks towards the city. Distance of the crying sound reduces. Crying of woman is heard loudly.

Boy looks at Jesus and moves. He says to her while moving.

BOY: Come. Let's follow Jesus.

Girl also joined him. Some children anxiously look at them moving and some follow them.

City gate is seen far and Jesus move towards the gate.

Long-view of Jewish funeral procession. Crying sound of the widow increases.

Close view of the moving body of the dead man, a strong looking dead man, fully covered with white clothes, only his face is seen. He is carried by others and all of them are walking.

Procession goes forward crossing through the gate.

Jesus with his disciples is coming through the street from the opposite direction. They are also marching like a procession towards the gate.

Funeral procession stops while crossing the gate as it met the procession of Jesus and disciples.

Jesus and apostles see the dead man in the coffin carried by his relatives. All of them are in great grief (dressed especially for the funeral-with head covered).

Seeing it boy and the girl also feel like crying.

Widow is crying behind the coffin. Other women are consoling her. The healed leper, Nicodemus and the two friends are seen in both sides of the crying widow.

They are walking closely with the widow. They also are in great grief.

Girl holds the boy unable to see it and she says.

GIRL
Hmm..very painful.

Boy says to comfort her.

BOY
Yes, it is.

Widow is crying out like a child. She is completely desperate. Another woman tries to comfort her with difficulty.

WIDOW (cries out and says)
Oh my son. I.....I am alone.
Why did you leave me? Who is there
for me? I am alone in my life.....
I lost everything.....

WIDOW continued looking
upwards at heaven [PS 88-1515]
Why do you reject me, lord? Why
hide your face from me?

Looking at the crying woman one of the Pharisees walking along tells Nicodemus with great pain.

PHARISEES (with compassion & grief)
He is the only son and she is a widow.
It's so painful to see her weeping.

Nicodemus looks at her and then tells him.

NICODEMUS (like a realized man) (Luke 6-21)
But Jesus was teaching, "Blessed are you who
are now weeping, for you will rejoice.

NICODEMUS continued (PS 34-18)
The scripture says, when they just
cry out, the Lord hears and rescues
them from all distress.

Pharisees think and looks at Nicodemus and walk along.

Jesus approaches. In his background we see the strongly built and big city gate.

Seeing Jesus crowd began to surround him.

An old man says with excitement and wonder.

OLD MAN
Look! Jesus!

Jesus stops and looks at the widow. Then he turns and looks at the dead body.

Jesus, widow and the dead body in the suggestion view of Jesus

Jesus walks towards the widow. People start surrounding him and Peter struggles to make way for Jesus.

PETER
Please move aside.

Widow is still crying.

Jesus looks at her with more compassion.

WIDOW (crying loudly)
Oh...Oh... why have you forsaken me?

Men carrying the coffin and others stop, crowd surrounds trying to get closer to this spot and looks at Jesus.

Boy and the girl eagerly look at Jesus.

Jesus compassionately looks at the widow.

She looks at Jesus.

Close-view of her crying eyes looking at Jesus

Close-view of Jesus' eyes

From the close-up of her eyes camera moves and in her eyes we see the reflection of Jesus' face.

JESUS (LUKE 7:13)
Do not weep.

Saying this Jesus wipes her tears with compassion.

Jesus walks towards the coffin.

Disciples and the crowd anxiously look at it.

Jesus reaches before the coffin.

People who carry the coffin stand still not understanding Jesus' intention.

Jesus looks at the dead man with compassion and love.

Widow cries out violently.

The healed leper is standing near with great hope looking eagerly at Jesus. He expects a miracle there.

Leper restlessly moves to the coffin and the widow.

People anxiously rush to see what is going to happen.

Leper keeps his one hand on his heart and other hand up.

LEPER
Oh Jesus, I believe you are
our Lord and our God.

Women try to hold widow with difficulty.

Peter, John and other disciples eagerly look at it.

The old man who shows excitement earlier, stares at the situation.

Pharisees also looks at him.

Nicodemus keeps his both hands close to his chest like praying.

The boy and the girl look at it carefully and anxiously.

Other children also struggle to see it pushing others.

Jesus touches the coffin. A moment of silence; he calmly looks at the heaven/sky.

Jesus, then turns to the dead body and says with authority.

JESUS (LUKE 7:14)
Young man, I say to you, arise!

(CAMERA slowly move towards the coffin)



A healing light shines on the face of Jesus.

Light shines on the face of dead man.

The dead man slowly opens his eyes.

The leper who was anxiously looking at it cries out loudly seeing the miracle.

LEPER

His eyes opened!! Look!!

Men carrying the coffin set back with fear and amazement.

With fear one man carrying the coffin lower down one side of the coffin. Some others hold it.

The boy and the girl are wonderstruck.

Jesus stretches his hands.

The dead man stretches his hands out towards Jesus looking at him with great devotion and reverence.

A close view of his face in the suggestion of Jesus

Jesus and the big gate in the background in the suggestion of the dead man are seen.

Close view of the gate shining with divine light

Close up of two hands slowly meeting, stretching and holding.

The dead man slowly raises his head.

The dead man raises his body and sits.

CROWD

He is alive! He is alive! He is risen!

People feel shock and fear.

BOY says with amazement.

Amazing!

Girl consents the boy's words.

GIRL says softly staring at it.

Awesome!

Widow is still crying but her emotion slowly changes to happiness, amazement.

Jesus holds his hands and keeps him close to his heart with great love.

DEAD MAN/RISEN YOUNG MAN

You are My Lord and My God!

Everybody stare at it with fear and wonder.

Leper's eyes fill with tears of happiness.

LEPER (PS 48-15)

Oh! Yes! So mighty is God.

People are in great wonder.

CROWD

Praise the Lord! Praise be his
holy name! Hallelooya!

Boy and the girl say together.

BOY AND GIRL

Hallelooya

Children also say louder.

CHILDREN

Hallelooya

Widow runs towards her son, holds him and kisses and says.

WIDOW
My son.....oh my son.....

The woman, who comforts the widow earlier, stares at it.

Widow kisses her son again and again. Son calmly and happily says.

WIDOW'S SON
Mother

Jesus compassionately smiles at them.

People look at it with fear and wonder.

A man standing near Nicodemus tells another man in low voice, but with wonder and great realization.

A MIDDLE AGED MAN (Luke 6-21)
Yes. Blessed are you who are
now weeping, for you will rejoice.

The other man nods his head with consent and says.

2nd MAN
Yes. Will rejoice!

Widow, overwhelmed with emotions and gratitude, keeps her hand like praying.
Jesus kindly looks at her and says.

JESUS (2 kings 4:36)
Take your son.

She falls down in Jesus' feet. She cries and says.

WIDOW (PS 118, 20, 21)
Oh Lord !This is the Lord's own gate,
where the victor's enter. I
thank you for you answered me.
You have been my savior.

The woman, who comforts the widow earlier, wipes out her tears of happiness with a smile.

Seeing widow's happiness boy's and the girl's eye fills with tears.

Nicodemus looks at it with a smile and with great respect and reverence.

NICODEMUS (John 3-2)
Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him.

Pharisees is wonderstruck.

PHARISEES (PS 136-3-4)
Praise the Lord of lords; God's love endures forever; who alone has done great wonders and scriptures are fulfilled.

A man in the crowd enthusiastically says.

MAN (LUKE 7:16)
A great prophet has arisen among us!

Leper comes forward from the crowd and declared to the crowd with tears of happiness raising both hands with loud voice.

LEPER (LUKE 7:16)
Surely! God has visited his people.

Disciples happily look at him.

Leper turns towards Jesus and says.

LEPER (PS 77-15)
You alone are the God who did wonders, among the people you revealed your might.

Leper turns to the crowd and proclaims excitingly.

LEPER
Let's go and proclaim to the world.
He has done great wonder in my life

too. Do you know? I was totally a different being. But now I am a new creation!

People stare at him.

But the leper is moving fast to tell others.

Jesus smiling face in divine light

The risen man is standing near Jesus surrounded by the crowd. Camera moves back to a long shot of the crowd, in the middle of them Jesus is standing. People are moving towards Jesus from all direction.

Camera pans the visuals nearby - the beautiful landscapes in the surroundings.

Sick people move towards Jesus. A man with lame legs, an ugly looking short man and many other men and women of all age group moves towards Jesus.

Fear is seen in all faces.

A poor but noble looking middle-aged man among them speaks with excitement and great expectations.

MIDDLE-AGED MAN (Lk 7-16)
A great prophet has arisen in
our midst, and God has visited
his people.

These words echoed in the sky.

More crowd gathers from the surroundings. People walk fast, and by this time the leper is coming against them from the gate shouting loudly to the moving people.

LEPER
Jesus raised the dead! Jesus!

People are more amazed and they walk fast.

Jesus hands on a sick man's head.

Two persons, dressed in uniformity, penetrate through the crowd and reaches before Jesus.

Boy and the girl look at them.

ONE AMONG THE DISCIPLES OF JOHN asks
Jesus. (Lk 7-20)
Master, we are disciples of John the
Baptist, John the Baptist has sent
us to you to ask (a small pause- he
looks at Jesus. Suggestion shot from
Jesus' side) are you the one who is
to come, or should we look for another?

Jesus, like a response to that question touches the man
with lames and he is instantly cured. (Healing of the leg
is shown in different angles-step by step)

A divine light shines on his legs and it is normal.

The boy and the girl are again amazed seeing the wonder.

While Jesus heals the lame, another blind man moves towards
Jesus. Unable to see he moves with his hands wide spread.
He is crying.

BLIND MAN says with grief.
Jesus, have mercy on me. I am blind.

Striking others around Jesus and after falling one time he
eventually touches Jesus. Suddenly with great excitement he
hugs Jesus and kneels down before him.

Jesus lays his both hands on his eyes and says.

JESUS
Be healed.

Slowly the blind man opened his eyes.

He sees Jesus and the people around.

He cries out jumping.

BLIND MAN
I can see. I can see.

Another deaf and dumb man comes to see Jesus. He is touching his ears and tongue with his hands showing that he cannot hear and speak.

He is producing some kind of sound and crying.

Jesus touches his ears and tongue and says.

JESUS
Ephphatha! be opened!

Slowly the dumb man starts speaking.

DEAF AND DUMB MAN
J..e..s..u..s. (looking unbelievably
at him and continues) Jesus.

Crowd shouts for Jesus.

The deaf and dumb man who is cured now calls Jesus.

DEAF AND DUMB MAN
Jesus. (call becomes faster)
Jesus...Jesus...





Jesus looks at the disciples of John, the Baptist and says.

JESUS

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 smiles at all with compassion and divinity.

The boy and the girl fold their hands like praying.

Other children also stand like praying looking at Jesus.

View from the big city gate where the miracle happens.

Jesus is seen in the middle of the crowd.

Crowd shouting out repeatedly like a slogan.

CROWD

Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!

People are moving towards Jesus with great expectations.
Camera goes wide as the voice of the slogan reduces and the
voice over begins.

VOICE OVER (Jn 10:10)

I came that they may have life,
and have it abundantly