Widow’s Son Raised (Lk. 7:11-17)

1. A city called Nain (Lk. 7:11). Shunem? (2nd Kgs. 4). Whether they are the same location or different locations nearby, the parallel is unmistakable.

2. A dead man (Lk. 7:12). τεθνηκὼς tethnēkōs Perf. act. ptc. masc. nom. to die.

3. An only-begotten son (μονογενὴς υἱὸς monogenēs huios) of a widow (Lk. 7:12).

4. “The Lord” felt compassion (Lk. 7:13a).
   a. This is Luke’s first narrative use of “the Lord” as a referent to Jesus. ὁ κύριος ho kurios #2962 to move, be moved. Also σπλάγχνον splanchnon #4698 inward parts, bowels, affection.
   b. Aor. pass. σπλαγχνίζομαι splanchnizomai #4697 have compassion, be moved.

5. Stop weeping (Lk. 7:13b). The imperative to the mother.

6. Arise! (Lk. 7:14). The imperative to the son. ἐγέρθητι egerthēti Aor. imper. ἐγείρω egeirō #1453 to wake, rouse, awaken.

7. Fear gripped them (Lk. 7:16).
   b. A great prophet has arisen (Deut. 18:15; Acts 3:22).
   c. God has visited His people (Lk. 1:68; 19:44).

8. The report concerning Him went out (Lk. 7:17 cf. v.22).

Edersheim’s Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah is an enjoyable read on this episode.