

"by his own death". He has abolished death itself, and sin the cause of it. Satan's power has been crushed. It has been paralyzed. It is unglued.

HEBREWS 2:15

15 AND DELIVER THEM WHO THROUGH FEAR OF DEATH WERE ALL THEIR LIFETIME SUBJECT TO BONDAGE.

The word "deliver" means to change away, to release of to remove. Jesus has removed us from the hands of satan. It is human nature to fear death. In the natural, not many people want to die.

Mankind is subject to the bondage of sin. This verse is referring mainly to God's elect among the Jews. They were in bondage to the law which made the aware that they were sinners, but did not give them a way of getting free from this bondage. The Jewish people were constantly afraid of chastisements and afflictions.

HEBREWS 2:16

16 FOR VERILY HE TOOK NOT ON HIM THE NATURE OF ANGELS; BUT HE TOOK ON HIM THE SEED OF ABRAHAM.

He was the seed of Abraham. This means that He was a human—the Son of Man.

HEBREWS 2:17

17 WHEREFORE IN ALL THINGS IT BEHOVED HIM TO BE MADE LIKE UNTO HIS BRETHREN, THAT HE MIGHT BE A MERCIFUL AND FAITHFUL HIGH PRIEST IN THINGS PERTAINING TO GOD, TO MAKE RECONCILIATION FOR THE SINS OF THE PEOPLE.

The adopted sons of God were brethren before Christ's incarnation. All genuine believers were eternally predestinated to the adoption of children. It was only for our sakes that He assumed human nature. It was proper He should be like us in human nature and in all things. It did not behove Him to be like us in sin, nor in sickness, and in diseases of the body. He differed from us in temptations in that His were from without and could make no impression on Him, whereas our temptations usually come from within. His sufferings were brought about by our sin—not for something that He had done. He faced the wrath of God which we don't have to do because we are saved.

There was no way that He could be an high priest without being a man. He could not offer sacrifice for sin without being a man. He could not make intercession, unless he was man.

He could not be a "merciful" and compassionate high priest without being a man. There was no way for Him to sympathize with his people in their sorrows, temptations, and sufferings, unless He was like them. He had to be a "faithful", that is, a true and lawful priest. Every high priest is taken from among men and is involved in things which God has to do with His people. He had to be a faithful high priest for His name to be over us. He had to be a faithful high priest to declare His will unto us. It is through His faithfulness

that He blesses us. It is through His faithfulness that He could offer to God a sacrifice for our sins. His being a faithful high priest made it possible for Him to present Himself as a sacrifice to God. The faithfulness of Jesus made it possible for Him to appear in God's presence for us. Likewise, it made it possible for Him to carry our petitions to God. Because of His faithfulness, He could plead our cause as our advocate.

Reconciliation was made for the people God has chosen for Himself and given to His Son. Jesus fulfilled the requirements of the law and justice of God for us. This could not be done without blood, without sufferings and death.

An Old Testament type of this action is represented by the two goats. The divine nature of our Lord was represented by the goat that was killed. The human nature, like the other goat, was allowed to go free because of the death of the other goat.

HEBREWS 2:18

18 FOR IN THAT HE HIMSELF HATH SUFFERED BEING TEMPTED, HE IS ABLE TO SUCCOUR THEM THAT ARE TEMPTED.

As you know, Jesus was tempted by satan. He was tempted at the entrance to His public ministry and in the garden before his death. This was not by stirring up sin in Him, for he had none. No sin was put into Him, this could not be done. Satan could not get any advantage over Him. He solicited Jesus one thing and another, but in vain. These temptations were very troublesome, and disagreeable, and abhorrent to the pure and holy nature of Christ. He was often tempted by the Jews with ensnaring questions. He was deserted by his followers, by his own disciples, yea, by His God and Father. These were all great trials to Him and must be accounted as sufferings. He also endured great pains of body, and anguish of mind, and at last death itself.

We are tempted by Satan's temptations and with afflictions in the world. God does not tempt us. In times when we are being tempted, God does show his grace, power, and faithfulness through Jesus. He supports us as we are under temptations. He delivers us out of them. Christ aids us by having and showing empathy. He prays for us. There are sometimes when He rebukes the tempter and delivers us. His conquering satan is a convincing evidence to the saints of His ability. Here it emphasizes His qualification to overcome temptation. It shows His fitness and readiness to help in such circumstances. The reason He can do this is based on the experience He Himself has had of these things.

Job knew about God, but he wanted somehow to reach God.

JOB 9:1-2

1 THEN JOB ANSWERED AND SAID,

2 I KNOW IT IS SO OF A TRUTH: BUT HOW SHOULD MAN BE JUST WITH GOD?

JOB 9:20-21

20 IF I JUSTIFY MYSELF, MINE OWN MOUTH SHALL CONDEMN ME: IF I SAY, I AM PERFECT, IT SHALL ALSO PROVE ME PERVERSE.

21 THOUGH I WERE PERFECT, YET WOULD I NOT KNOW MY SOUL: I WOULD DESPISE MY LIFE.

JOB 9:30-35

30 IF I WASH MYSELF WITH SNOW WATER, AND MAKE MY HANDS NEVER SO CLEAN;

31 YET SHALT THOU PLUNGE ME IN THE DITCH, AND MINE OWN CLOTHES SHALL ABHOR ME.

32 FOR HE IS NOT A MAN, AS I AM, THAT I SHOULD ANSWER HIM, AND WE SHOULD COME TOGETHER IN JUDGMENT.

33 NEITHER IS THERE ANY DAYS MAN BETWIXT US, THAT MIGHT LAY HIS HAND UPON US BOTH.

34 LET HIM TAKE HIS ROD AWAY FROM ME, AND LET NOT HIS FEAR TERRIFY ME:

35 THEN WOULD I SPEAK, AND NOT FEAR HIM; BUT IT IS NOT SO WITH ME.

Job wanted a daysman who could touch God and man at the same time. Job realized that there was such a one coming. Job was able to get an insight on the fact that He would be a living Redeemer.

JOB 19:23

23 OH THAT MY WORDS WERE NOW WRITTEN! OH THAT THEY WERE PRINTED IN A BOOK!

Job was not wanting his things and his affairs and the transactions of his life emphasized. He did not want his uprightness and integrity emphasized. He did not want the apologies and defenses he had made for himself stressed. He did not even want his doctrines respecting God and his providence which he had laid down and asserted emphasized. Actually, this is very good because he had been in error on some of his thinking toward God. Rather he wanted the words he was about to deliver emphasized. He was about to express his faith in Christ, in the resurrection of the dead, and in a future state of happiness and glory. These he wished were "written", that they might remain as a standing testimony of his faith and hope.

What is written abides. That which is only spoken is soon forgotten and not easily recalled. Job wanted his message to be written in a book and not written on loose sheets which might be lost, but in a book bound up or rolled up in a volume.

JOB 19:24

24 THAT THEY WERE GRAVEN WITH AN IRON PEN AND LEAD IN THE ROCK FOR EVER!

He wanted the message to be written with an iron pen which was used in writing upon a sheet of lead. It could refer to the cutting out of letters on stones and filling up the incisions or cuttings with lead poured into them. Job may have in view his sepulchre hewn out of a rock, as was usual, and so his wish might be that the following words were his funeral

epitaph. The words might be cut out and inscribed upon his sepulchral monument, his rocky grave. Everyone that passed by could then read his strong expressions of faith in a living Redeemer, and the good hope he had of a blessed resurrection.

JOB 19:25

25 FOR I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH, AND THAT HE SHALL STAND AT THE LATTER DAY UPON THE EARTH:

This is an explanative. It is in connection with the preceding words; in which Job wishes some words of his were written in a book, or engrossed on sheets of lead, or were cut out on some rock, and particularly were engraved on his tombstone. "I know that my Redeemer liveth", and "how that my Redeemer liveth."; Job said to let these be the words written, engraved, and cut out.

By "my Redeemer", Job means not any mere man that should rise up and vindicate him. Neither does it refer to God the Father. The Father is seldom referred to as Redeemer. Nor has He ever appeared and stood on the earth. It does refer to the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our near kinsman, and our Redeemer.

Jesus was spoken of by all the holy prophets, from the beginning of the world, as the Redeemer of His people. It was He who should redeem them from all their sins, from the law, its curses and condemnation. It was He who was to save us from satan and his principalities and powers. It was the Son of God who would deliver us from death and hell, and everlasting destruction. This would be accomplished by giving Himself a ransom for us. Job speaks of Him as living. Job believed that the Daysman, as he called the Lord, existed not only as a Divine Person, as He did from all eternity, but in His office capacity as Mediator. He believed Him to already be the Redeemer. The future of His redemption reached to all the ages from the foundation of the world.

HEBREWS 1:12

12 AND AS A VESTURE SHALT THOU FOLD THEM UP, AND THEY SHALL BE CHANGED: BUT THOU ART THE SAME, AND THY YEARS SHALL NOT FAIL.

Jesus is from everlasting to everlasting, the same today, yesterday, and forever; and who, though He died in human nature, yet is alive, and lives for evermore. He has life in and of Himself, as He is God. He has life in Him for all his people, as Mediator. He is the author of spiritual life in them, and the Donor of eternal life to them; and because He lives, they shall live also.

Job had an interest in Him as the living Redeemer. He knew he had an interest in Christ who is worth more than the whole world. This knowledge was not merely speculative, but the knowledge of assurance of interest. To know Christ as a Redeemer of men, and not our Redeemer, is of no avail. The devils know him to be a Redeemer, but not theirs. Men may have an interest in Christ, and as yet not know Him. It is neither knowledge nor faith that gives interest, but God of His grace gives both interest and knowledge. Such knowledge will support under the greatest afflictions and sorest trials. It will hold you up when you are under the ill usage of friends, and the loss of nearest and

dearest relations. It will keep you in the views of death and eternity; all which was Job's case.

Job knew that one day the Messiah would appear in the world in human nature. Job was right. Jesus was the seed of the woman, and born of one. He was made flesh, and dwelt among men, and conversed with them. He went about doing good to the bodies and souls of men.

HEBREWS 1:1-2

1 GOD, WHO AT SUNDRY TIMES AND IN DIVERS MANNERS SPAKE IN TIME PAST UNTO THE FATHERS BY THE PROPHETS,

2 HATH IN THESE LAST DAYS SPOKEN UNTO US BY HIS SON, WHOM HE HATH APPOINTED HEIR OF ALL THINGS, BY WHOM ALSO HE MADE THE WORLDS;

As a pledge of this there were frequent appearances of the son of God in human form to the patriarchs. It is to be understood that He was not the last that should rise from the dead. He is the firstfruits of them that sleep, and the firstborn from the dead. Jesus was the first that rose to an immortal life. The Lord will stand on the earth in the last times of all, in the close of time, at the end of the world, at His appearing and kingdom. He shall come to judge the quick and dead.

Those that will be alive, and those that will be raised from the dead, will meet Him in the air over the earth, and shall be forever with Him. When he shall come, and all the saints with him, "His feet shall stand on the mount of Olives." He will stand in the resurrection morn, and shall exercise his authority over it. He will command the earth and sea to give up their dead; and when at his all commanding voice the dead shall come out of their graves. He shall stand then upon the dust of the earth. He will tread upon it as a triumphant Conqueror, having subdued all his enemies. The last enemy, death, is destroyed by the resurrection of the dead.

What a glorious and enlarged view had Job of the blessed Redeemer!

JOB 19:26

26 AND THOUGH AFTER MY SKIN WORMS DESTROY THIS BODY, YET IN MY FLESH SHALL I SEE GOD:

Job declared that when he should be entirely stripped of his skin in the grave and rottenness and worms would have stripped him also of all the rest of his flesh and his bones, he, too, would be resurrected. He believed that though he should die and turn into dust in the grave, yet he should rise again. In true flesh, he would see God, even his living Redeemer, in human nature. He would see the Redeemer as he would stand upon the earth in that nature. In the fulness of time, he would see the Redeemer. He would obtain redemption from him. So, the Redeemer would in the latter day appear again and raise him from the dead. Job knew that the Redeemer would take him to Himself. Job knew that he would behold the Redeemer's glory for all eternity. He knew that out of his fleshly eyes, he would see the Redeemer. He would behold God manifest in the flesh. Job actually saw this happen when he arose as Christ led captivity captive. He saw him in the flesh and with his fleshly eyes.

JOB 19:27

27 WHOM I SHALL SEE FOR MYSELF, AND MINE EYES SHALL BEHOLD, AND NOT ANOTHER; THOUGH MY REINS BE CONSUMED WITHIN ME.

Job knew that for his pleasure and profit, to his great advantage and happiness, and to his inexpressible joy and satisfaction, he would see the Redeemer, not a stranger. These very selfsame eyes of mine I now see with will behold this glorious Person, God, in my nature. Not the eyes of another, of a strange body, a body not my own will I see Him. It will not be as I have seen him with my spiritual eyes. It will not be with the eyes of faith and knowledge, as my living Redeemer. I shall see Him with my bodily eyes after the resurrection and enjoy uninterrupted communion with Him.

A stranger won't be able to see him. One that has never known anything of Him, or ever intermeddled with the joy of saints here, such shall not see Him hereafter, at least with pleasure.

Like Balaam, they may see him, but not nigh. They may behold him, but afar off. Job knew the it would be from within his reins and bosom which are the seat of the affections and desires. This may signify his most earnest and eager desire after the state of the resurrection of the dead. After such a sight of God in his flesh, of the incarnate Redeemer, Job believed he should have so much zeal for the house of God. It was not the belief of restoration of health that Job longed for.

It was not restoration to his former outward happiness and a deliverance from his troubles, that he desired after. He had no faith in that, nor hope, nor expectation of it. But much greater, more noble, more refined enjoyments, were experienced by him now, and still greater he expected hereafter. His words concerning these were what he wished were written, and printed, and engraven. If they only respected outward happiness, he would never have desired for them to be written in a book.

Though he had not his wish in his own way, yet his words are written and printed in a better book than he had in his view. It will outlast engravings with an iron pen on sheets of lead, or marble rocks. The Vulgate Latin version seems to incline to this sense, "this here is laid up in my bosom," that is, of seeing God in my flesh is my only desire".

The ministry of Jesus includes salvation, healing, and deliverance. Lost and suffering people are set free from the bondages and oppression of the enemy through Jesus Christ.

I JOHN 3:8

8 HE THAT COMMITTETH SIN IS OF THE DEVIL; FOR THE DEVIL SINNETH FROM THE BEGINNING. FOR THIS PURPOSE THE SON OF GOD WAS MANIFESTED, THAT HE MIGHT DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL.

We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. Does that mean that we are all of the devil? Yes and no! We were sinners and the devil was our lord. We were subject to the devil's will. But we are no longer sinners. Jesus is now our Lord. We are no longer of the devil.

This verse is talking about the person who still makes sin his constant business. His life is a continued series of sinning. This is the person who of the devil. This person is like the devil.

The devil is that person's father. He is under the devil's government and influence. This individual is led captive by satan at satan's will. Since this person belongs to satan, he will have his part and portion with the devil in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone.

Lucifer was created pure by God before the world was created. Because of pride, however, he rebelled against God and was cast from heaven. He has been the father of sin from the beginning of the world, or near it, at least from the beginning of man's creation. He not only sinned by rebelling against God Himself, he also cause some angels to fall into the rebellion with him. His greatest effort to stand against God was to tempt man. He has continued to instigate sin every since. He does not abide in the truth. He does not respect the incarnation of the Son of God. So, the person that lives a vicious course of life is like him, and manifestly of him.

Jesus came in human nature for this end. Jesus came to destroy the dominion and power of satan. Jesus came particularly to gain victory over satan's power over death and death itself.

Jesus came to destroy the hold of sin in the lives of men. Jesus came to stop the influence of sin on mankind. This was accomplished by his sacrifice and death, being taken, carried, removed away, finished, and made an end of by him.

Go to Luke 5 for an example of Jesus causing the devil's work to come unglued.

LUKE 5:17

17 AND IT CAME TO PASS ON A CERTAIN DAY, AS HE WAS TEACHING, THAT THERE WERE PHARISEES AND DOCTORS OF THE LAW SITTING BY, WHICH WERE COME OUT OF EVERY TOWN OF GALILEE, AND JUDAEA, AND JERUSALEM: AND THE POWER OF THE LORD WAS PRESENT TO HEAL THEM.

Jesus was at Capernaum and was teaching in the house where such numbers were gathered together, to hear the word of God preached by him. There was not room enough for them, neither within the house, nor about the door. There were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by there to watch and observe Jesus. They came to take all opportunities and advantages against Him, that they might expose Him to the people.

The power of the Lord was present to heal them--not the Pharisees and doctors of the law, who did not come to be healed by him, either in body or mind. The power of the Lord was there to heal the multitude. Some came to hear his doctrine, and others to be healed of their infirmities.

LUKE 5:18

18 AND, BEHOLD, MEN BROUGHT IN A BED A MAN WHICH WAS TAKEN WITH A PALSY: AND THEY SOUGHT MEANS TO BRING HIM IN, AND TO LAY HIM BEFORE HIM.

19 AND WHEN THEY COULD NOT FIND BY WHAT WAY THEY MIGHT BRING HIM IN BECAUSE OF THE MULTITUDE, THEY WENT UPON THE ROOFTOP, AND LET HIM DOWN THROUGH THE TILING WITH HIS COUCH INTO THE MIDST BEFORE JESUS.

20 AND WHEN HE SAW THEIR FAITH, HE SAID UNTO HIM, MAN, THY SINS ARE FORGIVEN THEE.

When Jesus saw the faith both of the paralytic man, and of the men that brought him, which was shown in the pains they took, and trouble they were at, in getting the man to Him, He said to the paralytic man, "Son". Then He pronounced the forgiveness of sins, which were the cause of the man's disease. When removed, the effect must cease. Jesus had healing both for soul and body.

LUKE 5:21

21 AND THE SCRIBES AND THE PHARISEES BEGAN TO REASON, SAYING, WHO IS THIS WHICH SPEAKETH BLASPHEMIES? WHO CAN FORGIVE SINS, BUT GOD ALONE?

The Pharisees and scribes began to say within themselves, and it may be to one another, "What vain boaster, and blaspheming creature is this? Who is this that assumes that He can do what only God can do? Who can forgive sins but God alone? "

When sins are committed, they are against God. It is His law that is transgressed. It is His will that is disobeyed. So, none can forgive sins but God. Not any of the angels in heaven, or men on earth; not holy good men, nor ministers of the Gospel can forgive sins. If Christ had been a mere man, though ever so good a man, even a sinless one, or ever so great a prophet, He could not have forgiven sin. But He is truly and properly God. With His being a discernor of the thoughts of these men, and with His healing the paralytic man in the manner He did, both are sufficient proofs that Jesus is God.

The Scribes and Pharisees therefore, had rightly ascribed forgiveness of sin to God alone. Yet, they grievously sinned by imputing blasphemy to Christ. They had wrong notions of Christ, concluding Him to be but a mere man. They had seen the light and evidence of His works and miracles, but they had not received Him as the Christ. They had been told of His office as a Redeemer, who came to save His people from their sins. Yet, they restrained the power of forgiving sin to God the Father. In reality, the Son of God is equal with the Father. Therefore, He had the same power, and that even on earth, He could forgive sin.

LUKE 5:22

22 BUT WHEN JESUS PERCEIVED THEIR THOUGHTS, HE ANSWERING SAID UNTO THEM, WHAT REASON YE IN YOUR HEARTS?

23 WHETHER IS EASIER, TO SAY, THY SINS BE FORGIVEN THEE; OR TO SAY, RISE UP AND WALK?

Some translations add, What reason ye in your hearts these evil things? Mark adds, "to the sick of the palsy". Christ had said that his sins were forgiven him, which had given offence to the Scribes and Pharisees. He also told the man to get up and walk. Neither of them could be said by a mere man. Both of these were equally easy for Jesus to say. Since Jesus is truly God, He could cure a man of a palsy with a word and also forgive sin. Being able to do these things He should not be charged with blasphemy. Healing and forgiving were to prove Himself to be God

LUKE 5:24-25

24 BUT THAT YE MAY KNOW THAT THE SON OF MAN HATH POWER UPON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS, (HE SAID UNTO THE SICK OF THE PALSY,) I SAY UNTO THEE, ARISE, AND TAKE UP THY COUCH, AND GO INTO THINE HOUSE. 25 AND IMMEDIATELY HE ROSE UP BEFORE THEM, AND TOOK UP THAT WHEREON HE LAY, AND DEPARTED TO HIS OWN HOUSE, GLORIFYING GOD.

The man glorified God for both the healing of his body and for the pardon of his sins; each of which he knew none but God could do. This circumstance is only mentioned by Luke and shows the sense the man had of the great favors bestowed upon him. He glorified God by ascribing them to his goodness and power. He offered the sacrifice of praise. He gave thanks unto him for them by publishing them among his neighbors. He gave honor to His name. By living a holy life he could continue to give glory. He glorified Jesus Christ as God, who he knew must be God. He proclaimed the divine power of Jesus. He ascribed greatness to Him. He confessed him as the Messiah and owned Him as his Savior and became subject to Him as his Lord.

LUKE 5:26

26 AND THEY WERE ALL AMAZED, AND THEY GLORIFIED GOD, AND WERE FILLED WITH FEAR, SAYING, WE HAVE SEEN STRANGE THINGS TO DAY.

The common people glorified God. Needless to say the Pharisees, and doctors of the law, did not. They were filled with reverence for the Divine Being, whose presence and power they were experiencing in this case. They acknowledged that they had seen some paradoxes, things wonderful, unthought of, unexpected, and incredible by carnal reason, and what were never seen, nor known before. A man, who was so enfeebled by the palsy, that he was obliged to be carried on a bed by four men, yet, on a sudden, by a word speaking, rose up, and carried his bed, on his back, home.

LUKE 6:17-19

17 AND HE CAME DOWN WITH THEM, AND STOOD IN THE PLAIN, AND THE COMPANY OF HIS DISCIPLES, AND A GREAT MULTITUDE OF PEOPLE OUT OF ALL JUDAEA AND JERUSALEM, AND FROM THE SEA COAST OF TYRE AND SIDON, WHICH CAME TO HEAR HIM, AND TO BE HEALED OF THEIR DISEASES; 18 AND THEY THAT WERE VEXED WITH UNCLEAN SPIRITS: AND THEY WERE HEALED.

19 AND THE WHOLE MULTITUDE SOUGHT TO TOUCH HIM: FOR THERE WENT VIRTUE OUT OF HIM, AND HEALED THEM ALL.

LUKE 13:10-17

10 AND HE WAS TEACHING IN ONE OF THE SYNAGOGUES ON THE SABBATH.

11 AND, BEHOLD, THERE WAS A WOMAN WHICH HAD A SPIRIT OF INFIRMITY EIGHTEEN YEARS, AND WAS BOWED TOGETHER, AND COULD IN NO WISE LIFT UP HERSELF.

12 AND WHEN JESUS SAW HER, HE CALLED HER TO HIM, AND SAID UNTO HER, WOMAN, THOU ART LOOSED FROM THINE INFIRMITY.

13 AND HE LAID HIS HANDS ON HER: AND IMMEDIATELY SHE WAS MADE STRAIGHT, AND GLORIFIED GOD.

14 AND THE RULER OF THE SYNAGOGUE ANSWERED WITH INDIGNATION, BECAUSE THAT JESUS HAD HEALED ON THE SABBATH DAY, AND SAID UNTO THE PEOPLE, THERE ARE SIX DAYS IN WHICH MEN OUGHT TO WORK: IN THEM THEREFORE COME AND BE HEALED, AND NOT ON THE SABBATH DAY.

15 THE LORD THEN ANSWERED HIM, AND SAID, THOU HYPOCRITE, DOTH NOT EACH ONE OF YOU ON THE SABBATH LOOSE HIS OX OR HIS ASS FROM THE STALL, AND LEAD HIM AWAY TO WATERING?

16 AND OUGHT NOT THIS WOMAN, BEING A DAUGHTER OF ABRAHAM, WHOM SATAN HATH BOUND, LO, THESE EIGHTEEN YEARS, BE LOOSED FROM THIS BOND ON THE SABBATH DAY?

17 AND WHEN HE HAD SAID THESE THINGS, ALL HIS ADVERSARIES WERE ASHAMED: AND ALL THE PEOPLE REJOICED FOR ALL THE GLORIOUS THINGS THAT WERE DONE BY HIM.

Jesus was moved with compassion on the multitude. He ministered to all according to their need, and no one was ever turned away or remained undone.

LUKE 7:11-16

11 AND IT CAME TO PASS THE DAY AFTER, THAT HE WENT INTO A CITY CALLED NAIN; AND MANY OF HIS DISCIPLES WENT WITH HIM, AND MUCH PEOPLE.

12 NOW WHEN HE CAME NIGH TO THE GATE OF THE CITY, BEHOLD, THERE WAS A DEAD MAN CARRIED OUT, THE ONLY SON OF HIS MOTHER, AND SHE WAS A WIDOW: AND MUCH PEOPLE OF THE CITY WAS WITH HER.

13 AND WHEN THE LORD SAW HER, HE HAD COMPASSION ON HER, AND SAID UNTO HER, WEEP NOT.

14 AND HE CAME AND TOUCHED THE BIER: AND THEY THAT BARE HIM STOOD STILL. AND HE SAID, YOUNG MAN, I SAY UNTO THEE, ARISE.

15 AND HE THAT WAS DEAD SAT UP, AND BEGAN TO SPEAK. AND HE DELIVERED HIM TO HIS MOTHER.

16 AND THERE CAME A FEAR ON ALL: AND THEY GLORIFIED GOD, SAYING, THAT A GREAT PROPHET IS RISEN UP AMONG US; AND, THAT GOD HATH VISITED HIS PEOPLE.

LUKE 7:19-23

19 AND JOHN CALLING UNTO HIM TWO OF HIS DISCIPLES SENT THEM TO JESUS, SAYING, ART THOU HE THAT SHOULD COME? OR LOOK WE FOR ANOTHER?

20 WHEN THE MEN WERE COME UNTO HIM, THEY SAID, JOHN BAPTIST HATH SENT US UNTO THEE, SAYING, ART THOU HE THAT SHOULD COME? OR LOOK WE FOR ANOTHER?

21 AND IN THAT SAME HOUR HE CURED MANY OF THEIR INFIRMITIES AND PLAGUES, AND OF EVIL SPIRITS; AND UNTO MANY THAT WERE BLIND HE GAVE SIGHT

22 THEN JESUS ANSWERING SAID UNTO THEM, GO YOUR WAY, AND TELL JOHN WHAT THINGS YE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD; HOW THAT THE BLIND SEE, THE LAME WALK, THE LEPERS ARE CLEANSED, THE DEAF HEAR, THE DEAD ARE RAISED, TO THE POOR THE GOSPEL IS PREACHED.

23 AND BLESSED IS HE, WHOSOEVER SHALL NOT BE OFFENDED IN ME.

Jesus ministered to the people according to their need. But more than just minister to man's temporal needs, Jesus came to give His life as a ransom for us.

MARK 10:45

45 FOR EVEN THE SON OF MAN CAME NOT TO BE MINISTERED UNTO, BUT TO MINISTER, AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE A RANSOM FOR MANY.