

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – C

In the Bahamas we once had a family where an 18 year old boy had drowned. He was visiting from Nassau, never learned to swim and fell out of a boat while his cousin was diving for conch. We met the family, sat on buckets in the back yard to plan a funeral. These people believed in God, they knew Jesus loved them but in the midst of the despair the mother asked me "Does Jesus Care?" She knew he does, but she had to ask. In the midst of the crisis it is something we might all ask.

Does Jesus really care about the troubles we might have in our day to day life?

When we're sick or hurting or sad?

- These are questions we ask when we're experiencing difficult times in our life.
- Our Gospel today gives a very real example of just how much Jesus cares.
 - Soon after he had healed the servant of the Roman centurion - Jesus and his disciples traveled toward a town called Nain. As they approached the town gate, they met a funeral procession with a young man was being carried out. He was the only son of his mother, who was a widow.
 - They had the wake – they had the funeral – on the way to cemetery
- When Jesus saw her, his heart was touched and he said to her, "Don't cry." Then he walked over to the coffin and touched it. "Young man, get up!"

The young man sat up and began to talk. Jesus gave him back to his mother and the young man and his mother turned around and go home.

Now THAT is an example of how much Jesus cares for His people!

The people were filled with awe and glorified God

"God has truly visited His people"

This report of Him spread throughout the whole region

DOES JESUS CARE?

Are you kidding me?

- The prophet Ezekiel said, "The soul that sins will surely die."
- Romans says "The wages of sin is death"
- Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
& whoever lives & believes in me will never die"
- Jesus cares so much for us that HE died – so that we have eternal life.

THAT was the message at the funeral for the boy that drowned

THAT was the reality for the Widow of Nain and her son

THAT is our reality too –

We rejoice that we can say that no matter what difficulties we may face in life,

Jesus cares – and NOTHING can separate us from the love of Christ