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- **A funeral procession**
- **The woman in grief**
  - In a personally grievous and desperate situation...
  - Twice-bereft
    - ‘widow’ – underscores the void that death leaves behind
    - bereft, bereaved = deprived and desolate, for something has been forcibly taken

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- **The Lord's Compassion!**
  - A primary motive behind Jesus' actions (see Matt 9:36; 14:14; 20: 34; Mark 1:41)
  - A strong, emotional term – a 'gut level' response
- **He's Back!**

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**The People's Response vs. 16-17**

- **Fear/Awe and Worship!**
- **Understanding: God has come!**

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# Death and Life After Death

## Death = ‘separation’

- Physical death is separation between physical and spiritual parts of man
- Spiritual death is separation between man and God

## Man’ nature

- Created by God with both physical and spiritual aspects
- Destined by God to live in relationship with Him, bearing His image, ruling over His creation
- Death resulted from man’s refusal to be and do what God designed (i.e. sin)

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## **Sin's consequences**

- **Physical death (body returns to dust)**
- **Spiritual death (estrangement and separation from God)**  
**Note: the 'bad news' – this is our 'default mode' while the 'good news' is that God offers spiritual life!**

## **When we die we do not cease to exist**

- **All men live forever somewhere:**  
**Heaven – experiencing God's gracious and joyous presence**  
**Hell – experiencing the condemnation of separation from Him**
- **Physical death is temporary for all – all shall be raised –**
  - **Resurrection of life (1<sup>st</sup> category of resurrection)**
  - **Resurrection of condemnation (2<sup>nd</sup> category resurrection)**

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