

August 14

## *Jesus, the Life-Giving Prophet*

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Yahweh your God will raise up to you a prophet from the midst of you, of your brothers, like me. You shall listen to him. – Deuteronomy 18:15

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[Luke 7:11-17, near Nain] It happened soon afterwards, that he went to a city called Nain. Many of his disciples, along with a great multitude, went with him. Now when he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, one who was dead was carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. Many people of the city were with her. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said to her, “Don’t

cry.” He came near and touched the coffin, and the bearers stood still. He said, “**Young man, I tell you, arise!**” He who was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother.

Fear took hold of all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and, “God has visited his people!” This report went out concerning him in the whole of Judea, and in all the surrounding region.

1. Why did Jesus raise *this* widow’s son? What parallels are there to Elijah (see Jan. 25)?
2. Have you ever felt fear because of seeing God’s blessings? Why is Judea mentioned?
3. Jesus, you can raise me from my lifeless state and give back to me my hopes, today I...