

**Elisha's Ministry:  
A Birth, Death and Resurrection  
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2 Kings 4:8-20**

**1) A Son of Promise.**

*Then he said, "About this time next year you shall embrace a son." And she said, "No, my lord. Man of God, do not lie to your maidservant!"<sup>17</sup> But the woman conceived, and bore a son when the appointed time had come, of which Elisha had told her.* **2 Kings 4:16-17**

Promise of a **Savior**.

*Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.<sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.* **Luke 1:30-31**

The Shunammite woman didn't **believe** what Elisha had said because her husband was old and she told him not to lie (v.14).

Mary hadn't been with a man, so how could this be?

*Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.* **Luke 1:34-35**

*Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.* **Isaiah 7:14**

**2) A Son's Death.**

*And the child grew. Now it happened one day that he went out to his father, to the reapers. And he said to his father, "My head, my head!" So he said to a servant, "Carry him to his mother." When he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.* **2 Kings 4:18-20**

*And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.* **Matthew 27:50**

*"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."* **Acts 2:36-39**

He died for the sin of the **World!**

*But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?"<sup>54</sup> How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?"* **Matthew 26:52-54**

Jesus' life wasn't taken, it was given. Sin put Him there, but His love for *us* kept Him there!

Jesus death was an accomplishment, not a tragedy.

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* **Romans 5:8**

### **3) The Son's Glorious Resurrection.**

*He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and stretched himself out on him; then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. And he called Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite woman." So he called her. And when she came in to him, he said, "Pick up your son." So she went in, fell at his feet, and bowed to the ground; then she picked up her son and went out.* **2 Kings 4:35-37**

*Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."*

**Matthew 28:1-10**

The Shunammite woman experienced benefits from the death and resurrection of her son.

### **DON'T MISS THIS!!!**

*Then Elisha spoke to the woman whose son he had restored to life, saying, "Arise and go, you and your household, and stay wherever you can; for the LORD has called for a famine, and furthermore, it will come upon the land for seven years." So the woman arose and did according to the saying of the man of God, and she went with her household and dwelt in the land of the Philistines seven years. It came to pass, at the end of seven years, that the woman returned from the land of the Philistines; and she went to make an appeal to the king for her house and for her land. Then the king talked with Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, "Tell me, please, all the great things Elisha has done." Now it happened, as he was telling the king how he had restored the dead to life, that there was the woman whose son he had restored to life, appealing to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, "My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son whom Elisha restored to life." And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed a certain officer for her, saying, "**Restore all that was hers, and all the proceeds of the field from the day that she left the land until now.**" **2 Kings 8:1-6***

Jesus' birth, death and Resurrection has brought us life, Life Eternal.

What seemed like a tragedy and a win for Satan, ultimately brought hope for all.

Because of Jesus' Resurrection we can have life, the Resurrected Life!