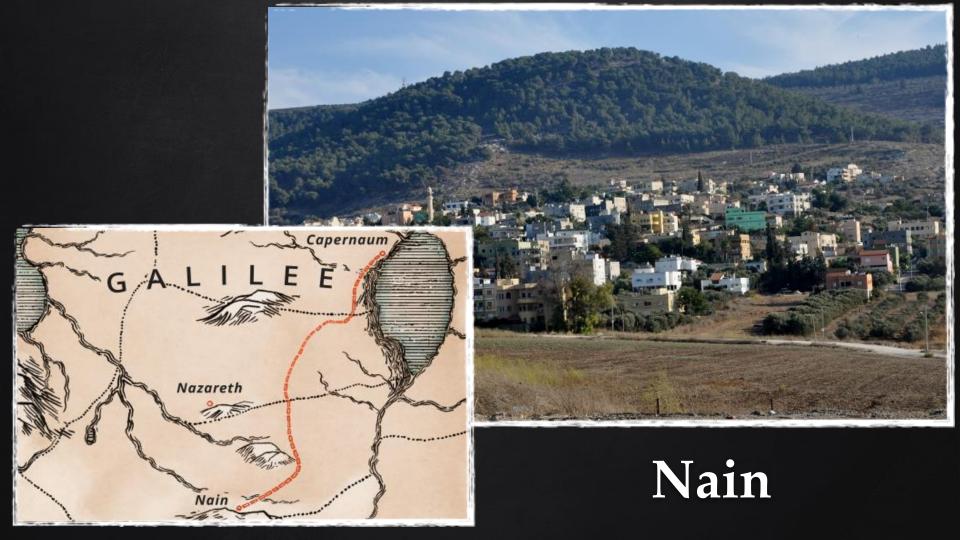
11 Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him.



12 As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her.



"O daughter of my people, put on sackcloth, and roll in ashes. Make mourning as for an only son, most bitter lamentation, for suddenly the destroyer will come upon us." (Jeremiah 6:26)

13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

14 Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still.

Luke 7:14-17

...And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." 15 And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. 16 Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" 17 And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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Luke 7:18-20

18 The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, 19 calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" 20 And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?""

Luke 7:21-22

21 In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. 22 And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them."

23 "And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

- Does Jesus' compassion, methods, or pace offend you? In what ways, in our study of Luke, has Jesus defied or scandalized your expectations? In what ways have you experienced his compassion afresh?