

**~NAIN (156)**  
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- **As he got near the gate of the city, why, look! There was a dead man being carried out, the only-begotten son of his mother. Besides, she was a widow. A considerable crowd from the city was also with her. (**Luke 7:12**)**
- **And when the Lord caught sight of her, he was moved with pity for her, and he said to her; Stop weeping. (**Luke 7:13**)**
- **With that he approached and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still, and he said; Young man, I say to you, get up! (**Luke 7:14**)**
- **And the dead man sat up and started to speak, and he gave him to his mother. (**Luke 7:15**)**
- **Now fear seized them all, and they began to glorify God, saying; A great prophet has been raised up among us, and, God has turned his attention to his people. (**Luke 7:16**)**
- **And this news concerning him spread out into all Judea and all the surrounding country. (**Luke 7:17**)**
- ****Nain** is identified with the village of **Nein**, **Na'im**, on the Northwest side of **Jebel Dahi**, **Giv'at Ha-More**, the hill of Moreh, about 10 kilometers (6 miles) South-Southeast of Nazareth.**
- **It is situated in the general area indicated by Jerome and Eusebius for the ancient site. Overlooking the Plain of Jezreel, or Esdraelon, **Nein** lies in an attractive natural setting.**
- **Also waters from a spring there support fine groves of olive and fig trees. Today the village is quite small, but ruins in the area show that it was much larger in earlier centuries.**

- In **31 C.E**, during his first preaching tour of Galilee, Christ Jesus came to **Nain** from the vicinity of Capernaum.
- When he had completed all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered into Capernaum. (**Luke 7:1**)
- Now a certain army officers slave, who was dear to him, was ailing and was about to pass away. (**Luke 7:2**)
- When he heard about Jesus, he sent forth older men of the Jews to him to ask him to come and bring his slave safely through. (**Luke 7:3**)
- Then those that came up to Jesus began to entreat him earnestly, saying; He is worthy of your conferring this upon him. (**Luke 7:4**)
- For he loves our nation and he himself built the synagogue for us. (**Luke 7:5**)
- So Jesus started off with them. But when he was not far from the house, the army officer had already sent friends to say to him; Sir, do not bother, for I am not fit to have you come in under my roof. (**Luke 7:6**)
- For that reason I did not consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. (**Luke 7:7**)
- For I too am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me, and I say to this one, Be on your way! And he is on his way, and to another; Come! And he comes. And to my slave; Do this! And he does it. (**Luke 7:8**)
- Well, when Jesus heard these things he marveled at him, and he turned to the crowd following him and said; I tell you, not even in Israel have I found so great a faith. (**Luke 7:9**)
- And those that had been sent, on getting back to the house, found the slave in good health. (**Luke 7:10**)
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- A distance of about 35 kilometers (22 miles) separated the two locations. The gate may simply have been an opening between the houses by which a road entered **Nain**, there being no evidence that a wall ever surrounded the city.
- It was probably at the eastern entrance of **Nain** that Jesus and his disciples met the funeral procession, which was perhaps headed for the hillside tombs lying to the Southeast of modern **Nein**.
- Moved with pity for the now childless widow, Jesus approached the bier and resurrected the widows son. News of this miracle spread throughout the region and even reached Judea.
- The event may also be alluded to by the words, the dead are being raised up, forming part of Jesus reply to the messengers later sent by the imprisoned John the Baptizer.
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- Now John's disciples reported to him about all these things. (**Luke 7:18**)

- **So John summoned a certain two of his disciples and sent them to the Lord to say; Are you the Coming One or are we to expect a different one? (Luke 7:19)**
- **When they came up to him the men said; John the Baptist dispatched us to you to say; Are you the Coming One or are we to expect another? (Luke 7:20)**
- **In that hour he cured many of sicknesses and grievous diseases and wicked spirits, and granted many blind persons the favor of seeing. (Luke 7:21)**
- **Hence in answer he said to the two; Go your way, report to John what you saw and heard, the blind are receiving sight, the lame are walking, the lepers are being cleansed and the deaf are hearing, the dead are being raised up, the poor are being told the Good News. (Luke 7:22)**