



FACT SHEET NAZARETH

Luke 2:4
John 1:45-46
Acts 4:10-12

Read It:
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Talk It:
What does it mean to have a bad reputation?

Know it:
Nazareth was a town that didn't have a very good reputation. Jesus was often called "Jesus of Nazareth" as a way of trying to make Him not look good because the town didn't have a good reputation. Some people even asked once, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:46).

Jesus liked to surprise people. He was born in a stable. He came from an unpopular town. He came to serve and not be served (Mark 10:45). He came to die, not to rule as a new king. He came to give His life! (Matthew 20:28). God's ways are often not what we expect. That's why the Bible says, "His thoughts are not our thoughts and His ways are not our ways" (Isaiah 55:8-9). God does things differently. That is good news for us! We tend to think we have to be smart or good or popular or talented to be noticed or useful to God. Maybe that is why Jesus chose to live His life on earth so differently. He chose to live more like us who have humble beginnings and come from less-than-reputable towns. He wanted to be more like us so we could know that He'll accept us, too.

Go Do It:
Do you ever reject people for silly reasons?
Choose to love others no matter what they are like, where they are from, or what they do. That was the example Jesus was setting.

