



**Introduction:** As we come to Matthew 2:19-23, I want to have a word with you about **Going Home**.

**Is it safe to go \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

Where were Joseph, Mary, and Jesus? They were...

**1. In \_\_\_\_\_ – vs. 19-20**

*19 Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 20 saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child’s life are dead.”*

*Matthew 2:13 - Now when they had departed, behold the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word, for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.”*

Joseph was to stay in \_\_\_\_\_ with Mary and the Child until God had sent him a word.

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Joseph heard from God!

Herod is \_\_\_\_\_ .

Scripture tells all of us, *And as it is appointed for men to \_\_\_\_\_ once, but after this the judgment,* (Hebrews 9:27)

Alexandria is located some \_\_\_\_\_ miles from Nazareth, Israel. Traveling on foot, it would take 204 hours to walk. Today, you could drive that distance in a little over 12 hours.

Joseph, Mary, and Jesus are \_\_\_\_\_ **Home**. They are going to return to Israel, their true home. Listen, everyone likes to take a trip, but there is nothing like **Going Home**.

## 2. In \_\_\_\_\_ – vs. 21-22

*21 Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee.*

Joseph arose and without \_\_\_\_\_, he took the Child and His mother, and they came into the land of Israel.

I find it interesting that the word Greek word for “warned” used here in verse 22, means, “to transact \_\_\_\_\_, to advise or to consult with someone about important affairs.” So, we see that God is carrying out business with Joseph.

Joseph, Mary, and Jesus arrive in their new home. They arrive...

## 3. In \_\_\_\_\_ – v. 23

*23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”*

Jesus' family settled in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ . What do we know about Nazareth?

What do we know? We know that...

Are you aware that people argued at one time whether \_\_\_\_\_ ever existed? It wasn't until the archeologist spade uncovered the city of Nazareth. And it was in 2009 that the spade of the archeologist found what they call a Jesus Era House in Nazareth. Let me read the article for you.

### **Jesus Era House Discovered in Nazareth**

Next, we read, *"that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."*

It has been suggested that many \_\_\_\_\_ spoke about the future messiah coming out of Nazareth. However, many critics of the Bible have discounted this Scripture based on these few words alone. They say that these exact words are not found anywhere in the writings of the Prophets.

**Question:** Do we \_\_\_\_\_ all of Scripture just because we can't find this exact phrase in Bible prophecy? The answer is a resounding, No!

The Bible Knowledge Commentary offers us the following solution: Isaiah said the Messiah would be "from [Jesse's] roots" like "a Branch" (Isaiah 11:1). " \_\_\_\_\_ is the Hebrew word *nešer*, which has consonants like those in the word "Nazarene" and which carry the idea of having an insignificant beginning.

Well, people may call Him despised, but we call Him \_\_\_\_\_ . Amen!

Additional Scripture about Nazareth: Matthew 21:11; Mark 1:9, 24; 10:47; 14:67; 16:6; Luke 4:34; 18:37; 24:19; John 1:45; 8:5,7; Acts 2:22; 3:6; 4:10; 6:14; 22:8; 26:9.

**Conclusion: Joseph, you can now Go Home.** No doubt that those were some \_\_\_\_\_ words for Joseph and Mary. They probably were looking forward to returning home and seeing their family and friends. Things would be uncertain for sure, but uncertainty had become the new normal for them.

What are some practical truths that we learn from this biblical story today? We learn the following...

1. We must wait to \_\_\_\_\_ from God. Joseph sets forth a good example for us. Don't be impatient. God's timing is always right.
2. When God provides revelation (Joseph's dream), we must \_\_\_\_\_. What has God revealed to you recently? Have you acted in obedience to His revelation?
3. It's not the place where you reside that determines the person, it is your inner \_\_\_\_\_. You might have been born on the wrong side of the tracks, but that doesn't make the person. Character matters!
4. People may call you names, but they cannot deny your \_\_\_\_\_. Live for Jesus and the world Jesus in you.
5. A day is coming when it will be safe for us to **Go** \_\_\_\_\_. Until then we need to occupy. Stay busy until Jesus calls us home.