

N is for NAZARETH

Selected Scripture

Central Idea: *God's plans are always different than what we ourselves would do or even expect. How grateful we should be for this!*

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Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion

1. Was there a town or place around where you grew up that people were glad they weren't from or even associated with? What was it about this place that people despised?
2. The details of the Christmas story remind us that Jesus was a real person who lived on earth 2000 years ago. To what aspects of Jesus' growing up years can you relate?
3. Read John 1.43-46 and 7.40-52 and consider how people in Jesus' day thought about Galilee in general and Nazareth in particular. Why do we tend to so easily judge people based on where they are from, how they talk or what they look like?
4. Read James 2.1-10 and Phil 2.1-11. What do these passages teach us about how we should view others? What key principles do these passages teach?
5. The Christmas story teaches us a lot about humility. What are ways we see this important characteristic throughout the Christmas story and what does that teach us?

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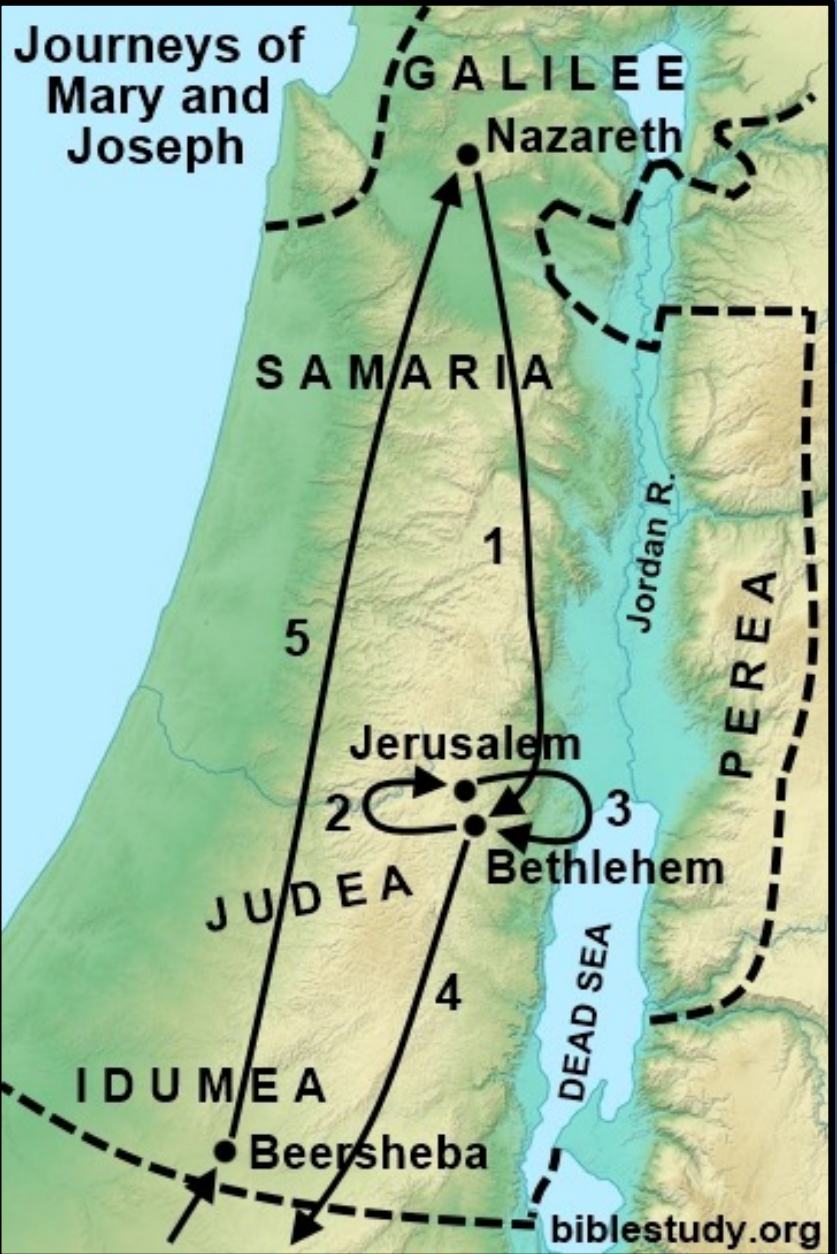


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**Journeys of
Mary and
Joseph**



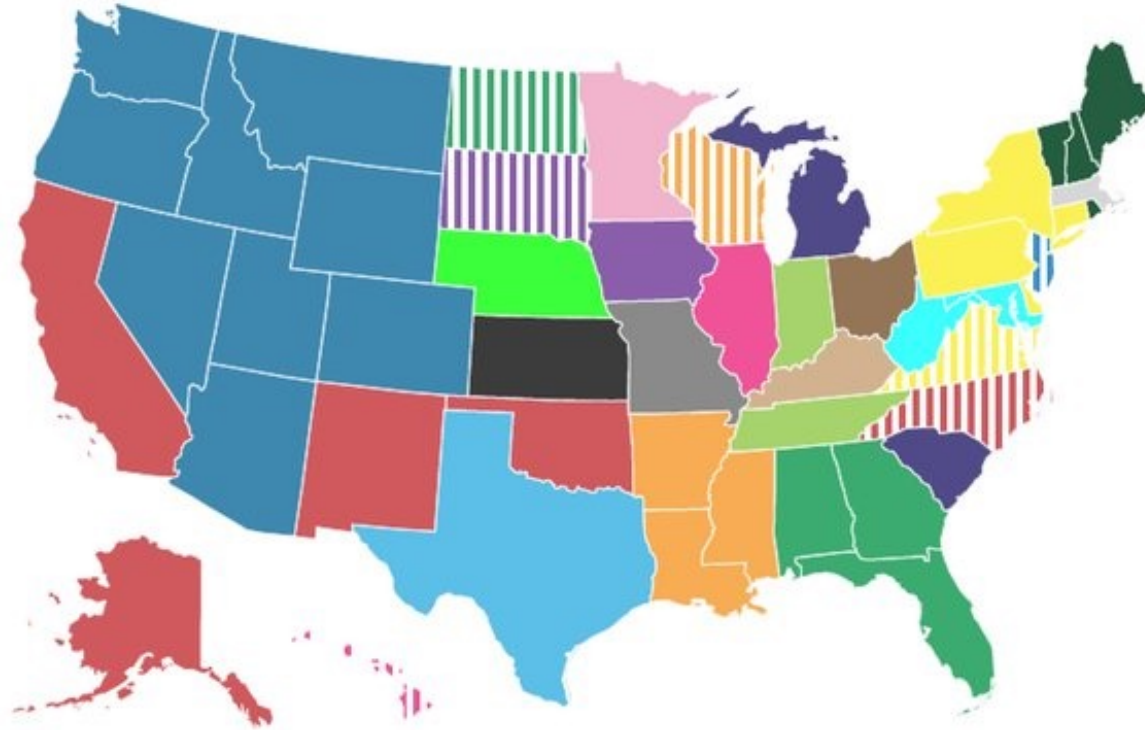
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EVERY STATE'S LEAST FAVORITE STATE

(ACCORDING TO @MATTSURELEE'S INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS)



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| Hates Texas | Hates Michigan | Hates Nebraska | Hates N. Dakota |
| Hates New Jersey | Hates Ohio | Hates Iowa | Hates W. Virginia |
| Hates California | Hates Oklahoma | Hates Missouri | Hates Illinois |
| Hates Florida | Hates Indiana | Hates Kansas | Doesn't Hate Anyone Apparently (I didn't get any answers) |
| Hates Alabama | Hates Kentucky | Hates Virginia | |
| Hates Massachusetts | Hates Tennessee | Hates S. Carolina | |
| Hates Wisconsin | Hates New York | Hates S. Dakota | Hates Everyone |

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