

Road to Bethlehem: The Journey of Faith
Advent Series Week 2
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Text: Micah 5:2 (NLT)

Luke 2:1-5 (NLT)

A. Bethlehem

1. Means...House of Bread/Ephrathah...Fruitfulness.
2. Was a small village with a population of about 1,000 people.
3. Was the birthplace of King David.
4. Was also the place where the sacrificial lambs used in the temple sacrifice came from.

B. God's Purpose for Bethlehem.

1. Never despise the small places in life.
2. From **Bethlehem** would finally come a **fit ruler**. For the entire nation of Israel.
3. The bread of life would be born there. Born to ordinary people in an ordinary place

C. The Road to Bethlehem, a Faith Journey.

1. The timing was according to prophecy.
 - i. The census by Augustas was when Mary was due.
 - ii. The Place was Bethlehem because Joseph was of the house and lineage of David.
2. Messiah would be trusted to an ordinary teenage couple.
 - i. Mary's Faith.

Luke 1:35 & 38 (NLT)

- ii. Joseph's Faith.

Matthew 1:20-21 & 24-25 (NLT)

3. The Road to Bethlehem.

- i. The road from Nazareth to Bethlehem was. 70-80 miles.
- ii. When they got there they must have been cold hungry and tired.
- iii. Faith is what it takes to bring you to your destiny.
- iv. Don't give up!

Conclusion: Jesus was born in the place and circumstance, so ordinary people could relate.

Next Steps Today I am:

1. Stepping into a faith relationship with Christ
2. I am an ordinary person wanting to step into my destiny in God.
3. I am in the faith journey and need the courage to keep going.
4. I will find at least 5 ordinary people who need Jesus and invite them to Christmas eve service.