



2019 EXPERIENCE ISRAEL TOUR

Study Guide for 5e: Nazareth

Historical background: Mary and Joseph made their home in Nazareth, east of the Galilee area, after the Holy Family returned from fleeing to Egypt in order to escape Herod the Great's soldiers. Nazareth is not

mentioned in the Old Testament and is often seen as insignificant. It is hidden from plain view because it is settled down among the hills of Galilee, making it an ideal place for Jesus to begin his life, growing in wisdom, stature and in favor with God and man. ([Luke 2:52](#)) South of the village, Jesus could look down upon the Plain of Jezreel and watch traders and travelers pass by along a great highway between Babylon and Cairo.

Bible Application: Read [Luke 1-4](#).

1. Jesus was born in the City of David, which is called _____ (Luke 2:4-11) but grew up in _____ (Luke 2:39-40).
2. Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census to be taken so Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem. Why did they have to be a part of the census? Luke 2:3-4

3. According to [John 1:43-50](#), what was Nathanael's response regarding Jesus of Nazareth _____ (John 1:46)?

4. After Nathanael and Jesus talked together, Nathanael saw Jesus as the _____ (John 1:49).
5. Jesus returned to Galilee in the Power of the Holy Spirit. News about him spread through all the surrounding district. When he taught in their synagogues, he was praised by _____ ([Luke 4:14-15](#)). However, when Jesus went to his home town, Nazareth, he was rejected (Luke 4:16-30). Read this passage carefully and maybe even read it twice.
6. Right there in the synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus read [Isaiah 61:1](#). Then he closed the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. At that moment, all eyes were fixed on Jesus, the living Word. When he gave the scroll back to the attendant he said, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
7. Re-read [Luke 4:20-30](#). The next words that Jesus spoke were hard for the Jewish people to hear, because they expected Jesus to do for them what he had done for those in Capernaum.
8. Instead, Jesus spoke of miracles that happened to two gentiles. Who were they?
_____ and _____ ([Luke 4:26-27](#)) Jesus brought the good news to the afflicted, thus fulfilling prophecy ([Isaiah 61:1](#)).

9. All the people in the synagogue were filled with _____ ([Luke 4:28](#)). They got up and drove him out of the city and led him to the brow of the hill to throw him down the cliff. Why? Jesus taught that God loves the Gentiles too.
10. The power of the Holy Spirit was upon Jesus as he passed through the midst of an intensely angry crowd. How did Jesus get through that angry mob ready to throw him off a cliff? Find out more in the Digging Deeper section.

Thanksgiving and Praise: Remember last week when God revealed himself to Ahab time and time again. In this lesson, Jesus revealed himself many times and was praised by all except those in his hometown. How has Jesus revealed himself to you? What was the response of those closest to you, in your hometown, if you will? Do you know without any doubt that you will spend eternity in Heaven someday? If not, please listen to the video linked in Kym's blog, [A Palm Sunday Message: Don't Miss the Day of Our Lord's Visitation](#). Take a moment to thank God for sending his son so that he could reveal the truth to us.

Digging Deeper:

Compare [Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4:16-30](#), where you read prophetic words and then the fulfillment of those words.

Listen to Pastor Mark's message, "Power and Authority," from the book of [Luke](#).

Also visit Kym's blog, Nazareth, [Boyhood Home of Jesus](#).

Keep looking for blessings!