

JOURNEY TO CHRISTMAS: NAZARETH

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Read

John 1:43-50

Reflect

So often we tend to look for God to show up in places that look perfect and yet he chose to come in the most unassuming way as a baby born in a stable. God in his Sovereignty chose for his son to be born in a town that was thought of as “nothing.” Yet here, in this place of nothingness God gave to mankind the One who would give significance to everyone.

Pastor Darrin Patrick shares three ways that God is always in pursuit of us.

1. JESUS IS LOOKING FOR US IN THE PRESENT.

- a. Read John 1:47-48 How does the reality of his desire to come close, to draw near to our brokenness and mess bring encouragement and hope?
- b. God knows where we are, and how to find us. We have to be open to pursuing him. How did your journey with God start?

2. JESUS KNOWS ALL ABOUT OUR PAST.

- a. Read John 1:50 When Jesus says “you will see greater things than these,” what do you think he is referring to?
- b. Where have you seen God show up in your past? How did it encourage you to believe he is always there?

3. JESUS HAS GOOD PLANS FOR OUR FUTURE.

- a. To experience the abundance that is already ours in Jesus, we must trust that He is good and has good plans for us. Where are you struggling to believe him for all the good he has for you?

RESPOND

The God of the universe who dwells in all eternity chose to come and dwell with the lowly and the humble. (Is. 57:15) He came to a place that was forgotten, to a people who were forgotten. He, who is everything, made himself nothing for you and for me. How can we respond to his great love today and as we celebrate this season? Take time to pray, asking God to reveal how he might be asking you to respond to him.