

HOLIDAY TRAVEL

PLANS




# Luke 2:1-3 (NIV)

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.



# Luke 2:4-5 (NIV)

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

A silhouette of a man leading a donkey is visible in the lower-left portion of the image, set against a dark, starry night sky. The man is wearing a long robe and a hat, and the donkey is carrying a load. The scene is positioned behind the text, which is overlaid on a background of horizontal, wavy bands of purple and blue.

## Luke 2:6-7 (NIV)

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloth and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.



**“The Bible was written for us,  
not to us.” (John H. Walton)**



*Pandocheion*: a place that receives all; seen in the parable of the Good Smartian.

*Kataluma*: a place to stay or guest room; used later when looking for a place to eat the last supper.



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Q1: Who is traveling?



# Mary and Joseph





What do we know  
about Mary?




# Mary

- Virgin
- Tribe of Levi
- Same tribe as Moses and Aaron (first high priest)
- Traveling with heavy baggage



## Luke 1:26-28 (NIV)

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

The background of the text is a dark, starry night sky with a gradient of purple and blue. In the lower-left corner, there are silhouettes of a person riding a donkey and another person walking, set against a dark, hilly landscape.

## Luke 1:29-31 (NIV)

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.”



## Luke 1:32-33 (NIV)

“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”



## Luke 1:34-35 (NIV)

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel,  
“since I am a virgin?”

The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will  
come on you, and the power of the Most  
High will overshadow you. So the holy  
one to be born will be called the Son of  
God.”



## Luke 1:36-38 (NIV)

“Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.”

“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

The background of the text is a dark, starry night sky with a gradient of purple and blue. In the lower-left corner, there are silhouettes of a person riding a horse and another person standing next to it, looking towards the right. The overall scene is serene and evocative of a night sky.

What do we know  
about Joseph?






# Joseph

- Carpenter
- Tribe of Judah
- Direct descendent of David
- Traveling with heavy baggage



# Matthew 1:19-20 (NIV)


Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."

The background of the text is a sunset or sunrise sky with shades of purple, blue, and pink. In the lower-left foreground, there are dark silhouettes of a man riding a horse and a woman walking beside him, holding a staff or a bundle. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

# Matthew 1:21-23 (NIV)

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means “God with us”).”

The background of the text features a dark, starry night sky with a gradient of purple and blue. In the lower-left quadrant, there are silhouettes of a man riding a donkey and a woman walking alongside him, both facing right. The scene is set against a dark horizon line.

# Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.



**What compels people to  
travel during the holiday  
season?**



LACK

LONGING

LONELINESS



Q2: What drives them to  
embark on this journey?



# Lack

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# Lack of Power and Control

In those days Caesar  
Augustus issued a decree that a  
census should be taken of the  
entire Roman world.



# Q3: What was the journey like?



145 km = 90 miles  
2.5 mph- 4mph = 3-5 days

Q4: Why do they end up at  
their destination?



For the fulfillment of  
Old Testament Prophecy



# Micah 5:2

“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
though you are small among the  
clans of Judah,  
out of you will come for me  
one who will be ruler over Israel,  
whose origins are from of old,  
from ancient times.”



**Q5: What happens when they reaches their destination?**



Two things?



# First

Their Host family has to make room for them in the family room, because the guest room is full.





Second

Our Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ is Born!



Q6: How does their journey  
speak to us?



God has us right where He  
wants us



Jesus is not a typical Lord





**SOME OF YOU MAY DIE, BUT  
IT'S A SACRIFICE I AM  
WILLING TO MAKE.**



## Romans 5:6-8 (NIV)

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

