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# The Wonder of His Name

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"HIS NAME IS NAZARENE"

## LUKE 1:26-27 (NASB)

**TRUTH:** Nazareth as a birth place served the purpose of prophecy and comfort.

**TRUTH:** Jesus being from Nazareth means Jesus was from "the wrong side of the tracks."

### I. NAZARETH WAS A SMALL, INSIGNIFICANT TOWN.

**TRUTH:** Podunk Holler Nazareth was where Jesus was conceived and grew up from a boy to a man.

**TRUTH:** Matthew quotes some O.T. prophets who said it, but never wrote it down (Jude 14).

**TRUTH:** Where we are born and to whom are part of God's plan for the message of our lives.

### II. NAZARETH WAS LAUGHED AT AND RIDICULED.

**TRUTH:** Most of the people of Galilee were fishermen or farmers.

### III. WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

A. God sees even us (Luke 1:26).

**TRUTH:** Mary's story is that even common people are known by name in heaven. If God saw Mary in Nazareth, He sees you and me where we are.

**TRUTH:** Even Lufkin is home to names known in heaven because God sees little me and little you.

B. God can use even us in a great way.

**CHRISTMAS TRUTH:** God is the only one full of grace and truth. Only God dispenses grace.

**BALANCE TRUTH:** We are not to worship or adore Mary, but we aren't to ignore her either.

What God saw in Mary:

1) Faithfulness

**TRUTH:** It's not where you're from, it's what you are on the inside that matters.

**INSIGHT:** Biblically we can have a Christian home anywhere regardless of where we live.

**TRUTH:** Tithing doesn't get easier with increased income.

2) Humility and availability

**TRUE ADAGE:** The ability to be blessed is availability to God's will.

**INVITATION:** 2 CHRONICLES 16:9, "The eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth THAT He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His."