

# Nazareth

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- Location of Nazareth:
    - In a basin on the north side of the Jezreel valley.
    - About 20 miles east of the Mediterranean Sea.
    - About 15 miles west of the south end of the Sea of Galilee.
    - 1,300 feet above sea level.
  - Sights to be seen from the heights of Nazareth include:
    - To the north: Mount Hermon.
    - To the South: Jezreel Valley.
    - To the East: Mount Tabor.
    - To the west: Mount Cannel
  - It is not mentioned in the Old Testament.
  - Nazareth is first mentioned in **Matthew 2:23** - "And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, 'He shall be called a Nazarene.'"
  - Jesus grew up in Nazareth and remained there for approximately the first thirty years of His life.
  - Nazareth is where the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to be the mother of Jesus. **Luke 1:26-35**
  - Joseph brought Mary and the young child Jesus to Nazareth after leaving Egypt. **Matthew 2:19-33**
  - Jesus taught in the synagogue and the people were ready to throw Him off of the brow of the hill. **Luke 4:16-30**
  - Jesus was also known as Jesus of Nazareth because of his long association with the town. **Luke 24:19; John 1:45; Acts 2:22; Acts 3:6**

- **John 1:46** - “And Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’”
- **John 19:19** - “Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

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**As the name of Nazareth will always be associated with the name of Jesus, may the people of Nazareth always be associated with Jesus.**

