

Christmas 2014

A Tale of Two Cities (Part 2) – Nazareth

LW – A Tale of Two Cities (Part 1) – Bethlehem; 1) Fulfilled Prophecy, 2) Contrast to Jerusalem, 3) House of Bread, 4) David’s Hometown/Lineage – Shepherd/King/Shepherd

Wed - Christmas Eve/Love was Born – 1) Love, 2) Gave, 3) Whoever Believes/Born Again

TW – A Tale of Two Cities (Part 2) – Nazareth

Luke 2:1-7 – Back to the Beginning – Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of Nazareth

Matthew 2:1-13 – Three Wise Men, Herod

Matthew 2:13-15 – Flee to Egypt

Matthew 2:16-18 – Massacre of Infants

1. Matthew 2:19-23 – Jesus Returned to Nazareth because God wanted him to

* Nazarene – Denomination; Not to be confused with Nazirite vow (Num 6)

* **James 4:13-16** - A – Where the Lord wants you to be? 1) Never thought 2) My decision!

2. Luke 2:39-52 – There He would grow in Spirit & Not in Religion (Traditions/Men)

V40 – He grew/became strong/Spirit, filled w/Wisdom, Grace/God upon Him (**Matt 15:7-9**)

V41 – His parents went/Jerusalem every year at/Feast/Passover – Taught Passover (**Ex 12**)

A – When did He realize He was to be “the Lamb of God”

V42 – Twelve Yrs Old – Bar-Mitzvah = Son of the Commandments

V48-49 – Lovingly, respectfully corrects his mother, heavenly position above earthly

V52 – Far from/Religious Center/He would increase in wisdom/stature; favor w/God & Men

3. Luke 4:16-30 - Rejected

V16 – Came to Nazareth/brought up – As custom was, Went into Synagogue on Sabbath

V17-21 – Where Prophecy/scripture was fulfilled before their very eyes...Yet...Reject!

V22 – Good at first/then they said, “Not “Joseph’s son?” Is this not who we think he is?”

V24-27 – Israel didn’t receive Elijah’s Message/Woman/Sidon/Gentile; Elisha/leper/Syrian

V28-29 – They tried to do to Him what they would try to do to him in Jerusalem (**Pictures**)

V30 – But He went His Way – He left where He was Rejected

4. Matthew 4:12-17 – Left Guarded One & Dwelt in Village of Comfort

V13 – Leaving Nazareth (Guarded One), He came/dwelt in Capernaum (Village of Comfort)

V14 – 16 – Prophecy fulfilled (Isa 9:1-2)

V17 – Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!

5, John 1:43-46 – To relate to You/Me - Can anything good come out of Nazareth???

A – Can anything good come out of that Rick Nerud, from New Prague – that one????

A – Come and see!

Conclusion – Receive or Reject? **Isaiah 61:1-2; Acts 10:38**