

‘A WALK WITH JOSEPH AND MARY’
Advent Series: Walk to Bethlehem
Questions from *The Path Sermon*

Where are the places or spaces that make you feel small and insignificant in such a big universe?

How does God help you to feel significant in the big scheme of things?

Read Luke 2:1-2. What do you know of the historical setting of the birth of Jesus? What was the world like? What was Judea like? Why does Luke feel it is important to give this historical information?

Read Luke 2:3-5. What has been your worst Christmas trip? Describe. Why was this journey of Joseph and Mary so difficult? What details are NOT in the Gospel of Luke? What details are unique to Luke?

Read Luke 2:6. Why is Bethlehem significant in the birth story? What does the gospel of Matthew 2 say about Bethlehem?

How does the familiar story of Jesus’ birth change with the statement, “While they were there, the time came for her to give birth?”

Dr. Martin gives two possible scenarios of where Jesus was born: a house or a stable. What are the arguments for each? What difference can this make in the story?

Read Luke 2:7. What significant events happened at Jesus’ birth? What are the ‘embellishments’ that have been added to the circumstances through the centuries? Why?

How do the humble surroundings of Jesus’ birth relate to Mary’s song (Luke 1:50-55)?