



Lessons for Life

The Nazarene
What's In A Name?
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"Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: 'He will be called a Nazarene.'" **Matthew 2:22b – 23**

1. The Name Refers To A Place

A place with a poor reputation

A place of proper relation

A place of pathetic rejection

"He came unto His own and His own received Him not."
John 1:11

2. The Name Refers To A Promise

*"So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: 'He will be called a Nazarene.'" **Matthew 2:23b***

*"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit." **Isaiah 11:1***

*"Who has believed our message and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not." **Isaiah 53:1-3***

- Doubted
- Discarded

3. The Name Refers To A Person

"He shall be called a Nazarene."

He endures cross

He enables the believers

- The Emmaus Disciples
- The Apostle Paul
- Blind Bartimaeus