

# JESUS JOURNEY

40 DAYS IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST

WEEK 1

## The Castle and the Cave

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... Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod...  
*Matthew 2:1a*

### THE PLACE



### THE PLAYERS

#### Herod the Great

Idumean; Took title “King of the Jews”; Built massive monuments, cities, harbors, temple; protected his position to the point of paranoia.

#### Three words to describe Herod:

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#### Mary

Mary: “He has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things...” *Luke 1:51–53*

#### Three words to describe Mary:

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#### Jesus

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven... Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” *Matthew 5:3,5–6*

Ask myself: \_\_\_\_\_ ?



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## THE PROPHECIES

Over \_\_\_\_\_ prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures about the Messiah fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. *Isaiah 7:14*

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. *Micah 5:2*

*Earth, and wide ocean, and the heavens profound, all see, enraptured, the coming time! . . . at the boy's birth the iron shall cease, the golden age arise. . . He shall receive the life of gods. . . and will himself be seen of them, and with his Father's worth will reign o'er a world at peace. . . The serpent too shall die. . .*  
—Virgil's Fourth Eclogue

I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel. . . Edom will be conquered. . . but Israel will grow strong. A ruler will come out of Jacob. . . *Numbers 24:17–19*

## THE POINT

In a world of broken promises,

God \_\_\_\_\_

In a world that looks like it's going wrong,

God \_\_\_\_\_

In a world all about power,

God \_\_\_\_\_

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."  
*Matthew 18:1–4*

## Daily Meditations

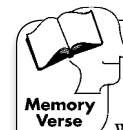
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Memory Verse

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. *John 20:30–31 ESV*