

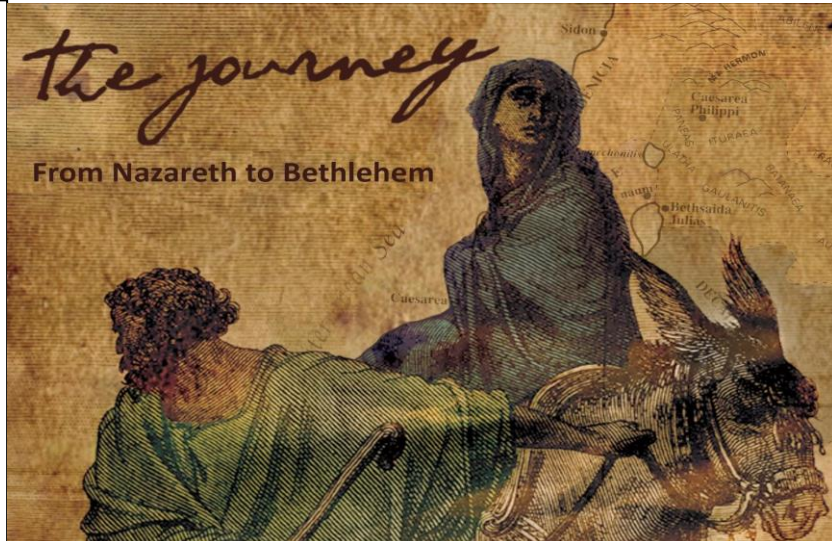
# December 24

## ADVENT 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
LUKE 2:1-7

### FROM NAZARETH TO BETHLEHEM: PERSEVERANCE

**2** In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. **2** This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** All went to their own towns to be registered. **4** Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. **5** He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. **6** While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. **7** And she gave birth to her first born son and wrapped him in banks of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



Imagine walking the eighty miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem over the mountainous terrain found in Galilee and Judea! (Think Ellijay to Chattanooga).

**What preparations would you make?**

**What supplies would you pack if one person going with you was nine months pregnant?**

**How have journeys in your life changed over the years?**

**How have journeys defined your life?**

**How have you experienced God being with you on your journey of life?**

