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Can Any Good Thing Come Out Of Nazareth?

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*John 1:43-50 the setting of this question.

I. NAZARETH.

A. ITS GEOGRAPHY:
   1. Location: 88 mi. N. of Jerusalem.
      20 mi. SW of Capernaum. 20 E. Mt Cana

B. ITS TOPOGRAPHY:
   1. A basin village surrounded by 15 higher hills. One spring-Mary's Well.

C. ITS REPUTATION:
   2. Unlisted in O. T. or Jewish Talmud= Jewish civil & ceremonial law; composed of the text (Mishnah) and commentary, (Gemara.)
   3. Remote, isolated clan of people, rude in speech; uncultured in life and irreligious. Haven for criminals, thieves, outlaws and renegades.

ANY WONDER: "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Just grounds! Evidence plenty

II. QUESTION: "Can any good thing come out of..."


III. QUESTION: Why did God choose to rear His only begotten Son in this despised city?

A. Answer: *I Cor. 1:26-31.
   1. BIRTH of Jesus in an obscure Judean village. Greatness of the GOSPEL not in the birthplace of God's Redeemer.
   2. 9/10th of Christ's life in unmapped Galilean village. Greatness of the Gospel not in the FAME of his hometown.
   3. EDUCATION: of Jesus an elementary level. Greatness of the Gospel not in the excellency of human wisdom.*IC. 1:18-21
4. WEALTH: There was none! Bare living! Greatness of gospel not invested in the wealth of worldly possessions.

5. IT WAS THE WISE THING TO DO!!!!

The POWER of Jesus, as Savior and King, lay not in His:
Birth Place—Bethlehem.
Home town—Nazareth.
Earthly education—elementary level.
Worldly possessions—at death: a coat, a cloak, his sandals and crown of thorns.

INV: THE POWER OF JESUS WAS HIS SPIRITUAL POWER:
3. His GOSPEL: Romans 1:16-18.

EUGENE HOADE'S STATEMENT: GUIDE TO THE HOLY LAND, p. 659 on "Nazareth" said:
"Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?
FROM NAZARETH CAME ALL THAT IS GOOD,
JUST AND HOLY IN THE WORLD!"

Jesus of NAZARETH wants to save you from your sins tonight: Mk. 16:15-16.

Jesus of Nazareth wants to return you to your rightful place in the kingdom, if you've fallen away! Matt. 11:28-30.

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