

**John 7:52~** In answer they said to him; You are not also out of Galilee, are you? Search and see, that no prophet is to be raised up out of Galilee.

**1·** So they fell back upon an opinion that they had adopted earlier, that since the scriptures said the Messiah must come forth from Bethlehem, that this could not be the Christ. They then invited Nicodemus to look for himself, and see, that no prophet was prophesied to come forth out of Galilee.

**[Question]** What did they then fall back upon, though they made no attempt to get the true facts?

**[Question]** How did they then counter Nicodemus' reasonable request?

**2·** This was not entirely true, for there were prophecies concerning a righteous sprout, or Nazarene, and also about a light to come forth out of the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali. Also they failed to ask Jesus where he was born, which simple fact would have settled the matter and quelled their objections, but they were not the kind of men who were interested in getting at the facts. They were jealous of Jesus to whom the love and respect of the people had gone, and they were determined to destroy him through their jealousy.

**[Question]** What prophecies did point to the Messiah coming out of Nazareth?

**[Question]** What could any one of these men do to find out accurately where Jesus Christ was born, and could this have been verified against birth records at that time?

**[Question]** What then, did this lack of respect for truth show, about these men and their aims?

**3·** However, the obscureness will not be as when the land had stress, as at the former time, when one treated with contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and when at the later time one caused it to be honored, the way by the sea, in the region of the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. (**Isaiah 9:1**)

**[Question]** What favor was shown to be coming upon the land of Jesus' residence, Zebulun and Naphtali?

**4·** O land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, along the road of

**the sea, on the other side of the Jordan, Galilee of the nations! (Matthew 4:15)**

**[Question]** How did Matthew in his gospel show that this scripture had a fulfillment in Jesus?

5. **Others were saying; This is the Christ. But some were saying: The Christ is not actually coming out of Galilee, is he? (John 7:41)**

**[Question]** What common misinformation was widespread then, concerning Jesus' origins?