

Sister's Spin

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As mentioned in the previous Spin, Mary made two trips in the time of her pregnancy--the first to visit Elizabeth and help her as she prepared for the birth of her little one. The second trip was very different. She was not alone, as she traveled with Joseph this time. Together with others, they were on their way to Bethlehem, but Joseph sensed that this journey was very tiring for Mary, so maybe they stopped more often than other travelers, and maybe traveled part of the way without the aid of other travelers. I wonder if Mary noticed changes in the surroundings from her first trip to this one. Did she tell Joseph about changes in scenery or things she did not notice on the first trip down that she saw on this trip? And, as they grew closer to Bethlehem, did she share her concerns about finding a place with Joseph or did their Faith and trust in God keep them calm in the midst of the crowds around them? With Joseph, Mary surely felt safe as together, they awaited a future that would hold many surprises. If you are traveling in this holy season, may the journey of Mary and Joseph remind you that God is on the road with you and also has many surprises in store. As you travel or stay at home, may the trip of Mary and Joseph remind you of the wonderful Gift that came at the end of their journey. It will come to us, too, at the end of this Advent Journey that leads to Christmas Joy!

-Sister Marcianne

