**Unique Childhood, Part Two**  January 8, 2017

**1. Jesus’ family had to run for their lives.**

Matthew 2:7-12: *Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact*

*time the star had appeared.* ***8****He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.* ***10****When they saw*

*the star, they were overjoyed.* ***11****On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.* ***12****And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.*

***13****When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.*

*“Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until*

*I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” 14 So he got up, took the*

*child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt…*

**2. Jesus, for a time, lived as a refugee.**

Hebrews 2:14, 17: *“Jesus shared in our humanity,”* and that *“he had to be*

*made like us in every way.”*

James 5:11: Jesus is *“full of compassion and mercy.”*

Luke 4:18-19: *The Spirit of the Lord is on me,*

*because he has anointed me*

*to preach good news… to the poor.*

*He has sent me to proclaim… freedom for the prisoners*

*and recovery of sight… for the blind,*

*to release… the oppressed,*

*to proclaim… the year of the Lord’s favor.*

James 1:27: ***“****Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this:*

*to look after orphans and widows in their distress…”*

**3. As a child, Jesus fulfilled what the Lord had said in advance about him.**

Hosea 11:1-4: *“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.*

***2****But the more they were called, the more they went away from me. They sacrificed to the Baals and they burned incense to images.* ***3****It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them.* ***4****I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child*

*to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them.*

Matthew 1:23 – Isaiah 7:14

Matthew 2:5-6 – Micah 5:1-2

Matthew 2:17-18 – Jeremiah 31:15

Matthew 3:3 – Isaiah 40:3

Matthew 4:14-16 – Isaiah 9:1-2

Matthew 8:17 – Isaiah 53:4

Matthew 10:35-36 – Micah 7:6

Matthew 11:10 – Malachi 3:1

Matthew 12:17-21 – Isaiah 42:1-4

Matthew 13:14-15 – Isaiah 6:9-10

Matthew 13:35 – Psalm 78:2

Matthew 15:8-9 – Isaiah 29:13

Matthew 21:5 – Zechariah 9:9

Matthew 26:31 – Zechariah 13:7

Matthew 27:9-10 – Zechariah 11:12-13; Jeremiah 19:1-13; 32:6-9

**4. In the crisis of running for their lives, God was in control.**

*“Get up,” [the angel] said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until*

*I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” 14 So [Joseph] got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, 15 where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”*

Job 9:12: ‘*Who can say to him, ‘What are you doing?’*

Daniel 4:35: *He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth.*

*No one can hold back his hand or say to him: “What have you done?”*