

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT MUCH ABOUT THE LIFE OF JESUS CHRIST AS A BOY?

We have some insights into that in **Psalm 69**.

Psalm 22 tells us about His death, but **Psalm 69** gives us an insight into His boyhood.

Look at verse **8 of Psalm 69**. It says; "I have become a stranger to my brothers and an alien to my mother's children."

Why not an alien to His Father's children? Answer, Joseph was not His Father. Obviously, this verse also points to the virgin birth.

Did His mother Mary have other children? Yes of course. **Matthew 13:55** speaking about Jesus, he says" is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers, James, Joses, Simon and Judas?

And **verse 56**, speaking about Jesus: and His sisters, are they not all with us? (at least 2)

These were all ½ brothers and sisters to the Lord Jesus.

Get the picture here of the household of Jesus as He was growing up.

Remember that Mary was a virgin. Imagine if you will what was going on within the household between these brothers and sisters concerning the Lord Jesus. He was illegitimate to them. Imagine further how the Jewish culture handled an illegitimate situation.

Can you picture the way things were in Nazareth? I mean we know how forgiving "small towns are" right?

We can relate to a degree the agony Jesus felt at the cross, and on the way to the cross. But have we ever thought about the agony of being illegitimate within this family or even the town itself? We know from scripture that the real terror Jesus felt was not the physical pain He was about to endure, but the mental separation He was to experience in the separation from His Father.

Look at **verse 10** – "when I wept and chastened my soul with fasting, that became my reproach" - from whom? **Verse 11** I also made sackcloth my garment, I became a byword to them. What does this word byword mean? It means being made a sport of. People made fun of me. Well, who were these people – correct, His ½ brothers and sisters for sure.

Remember what the pharisees said of Jesus in **John 8:41** "we are not born of firnification" (meaning as this man Jesus was)

Beloved, this has to hurt.

Back to **Psalm 69** – **verse 12** *“those who sit at the gate speak against me, and I am a song of the drunkards”*

You will remember that when speaking of those sitting at the gate, they were speaking of “ones in

authority” City Hall if you will. This is who they spoke of the Lord Jesus in His youth. These folks made up “dirty songs about He and Mary”

Why did Jesus put up with these years of abuse? He did it for you and for me.

Beloved, if you have a friend or acquaintance who is an outcast because of his/her physical or economic condition, or someone who life seems to “pick on” remind them of what the Lord Himself went through. Encourage them that their affliction is not new to Him. Their suffering does not go unnoticed by Him.

He Himself was tempted in every way in which we are, yet without sin.

He is aware of all of our weaknesses, afflictions and the suffering we go through. We are not alone; He understands and is our every help in time of need.

Take the time today to get to know Him. Climb up in His lap and let Him love on you today.

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