



**Sermon Outline**  
**December 12, 2021**  
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## **Early Childhood**

**Matthew 2 &  
Hosea 11**

*\* The Old Testament is like an intricate jigsaw puzzle. The numerous pieces, on their own, are puzzling — until they are assembled enough to fill out the intended picture. Thus, the New Testament is the decryption key for unlocking Old Testament meaning.*

### **FORETOLD: The Church**

*The church was, is and continues to be part of God's plan.*

### **FORETOLD: The Resurrection**

*The empty tomb was part of God's plan.*

### **FORETOLD: The Crucifixion**

*Jesus' death on the cross was part of God's plan.*

### **FORETOLD: The Ministry of the Messiah**

*The Messiah would be a good news messenger, prisoner freer, miracle worker, oppression deliverer, and deliverance proclaimer.*

### **FORETOLD: The Messiah's \_\_\_\_\_ beginnings**

*Jesus didn't come to be Savior for  
a select few but for whoever.*

**\* Jesus basically grew up on the  
"\_\_\_\_\_ of the track."**

*\* Where you grow up is significant because it determines a lot about your perspective, not only how you view this world and how you view yourself, but also how the world views you.*

**1. Bethlehem was an \_\_\_\_\_ village.**

**2. Egypt was a \_\_\_\_\_ country.**

**3. Nazareth had a very \_\_\_\_\_ reputation.**

**John 1:46** – "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

**\* Jesus' unassuming beginnings were  
indicative of His \_\_\_\_\_.**

*\* Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. Not just the best, or the brightest or the beautiful – but anyone and everyone – \_\_\_\_\_.*

**John 3:16** - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life

**\* Jesus transformed the world's \_\_\_\_\_ of people.**

*\* When Jesus looked at people, He saw the image of God. He saw this in everyone. It caused Him to treat each person with dignity.*

**2 Corinthians 5:16** - So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

**Every person you meet is an SUV!  
Special, \_\_\_\_\_, Valuable.**

*\* From the beginning, Jesus' life often appeared less than average to remind us all that He's the Savior of us all.*

**While we might feel like we're better than some and worse than others, we're all in the same \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Isaiah 53:6** - We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**\* The ground is \_\_\_\_\_ at the foot of the cross.**