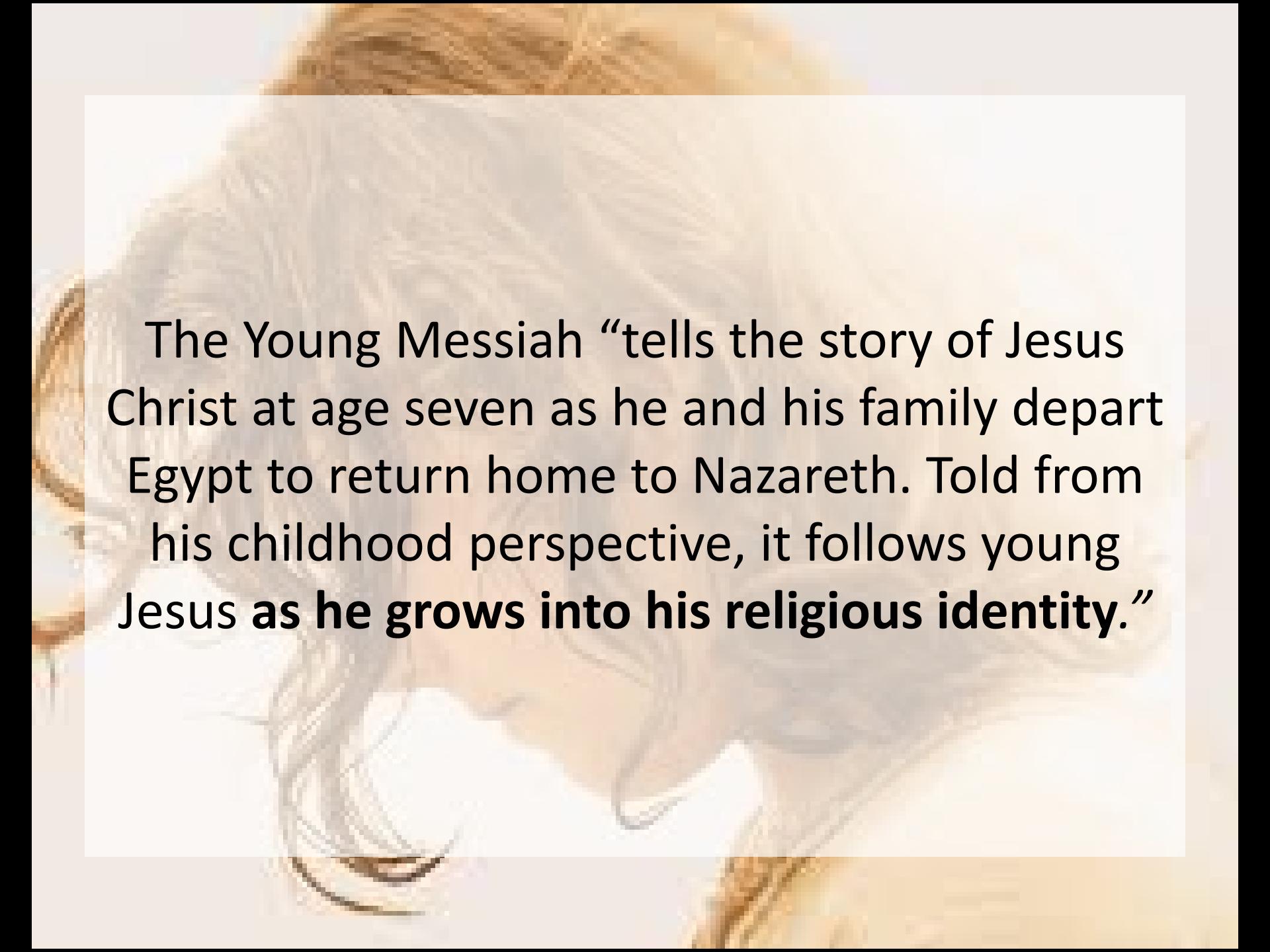
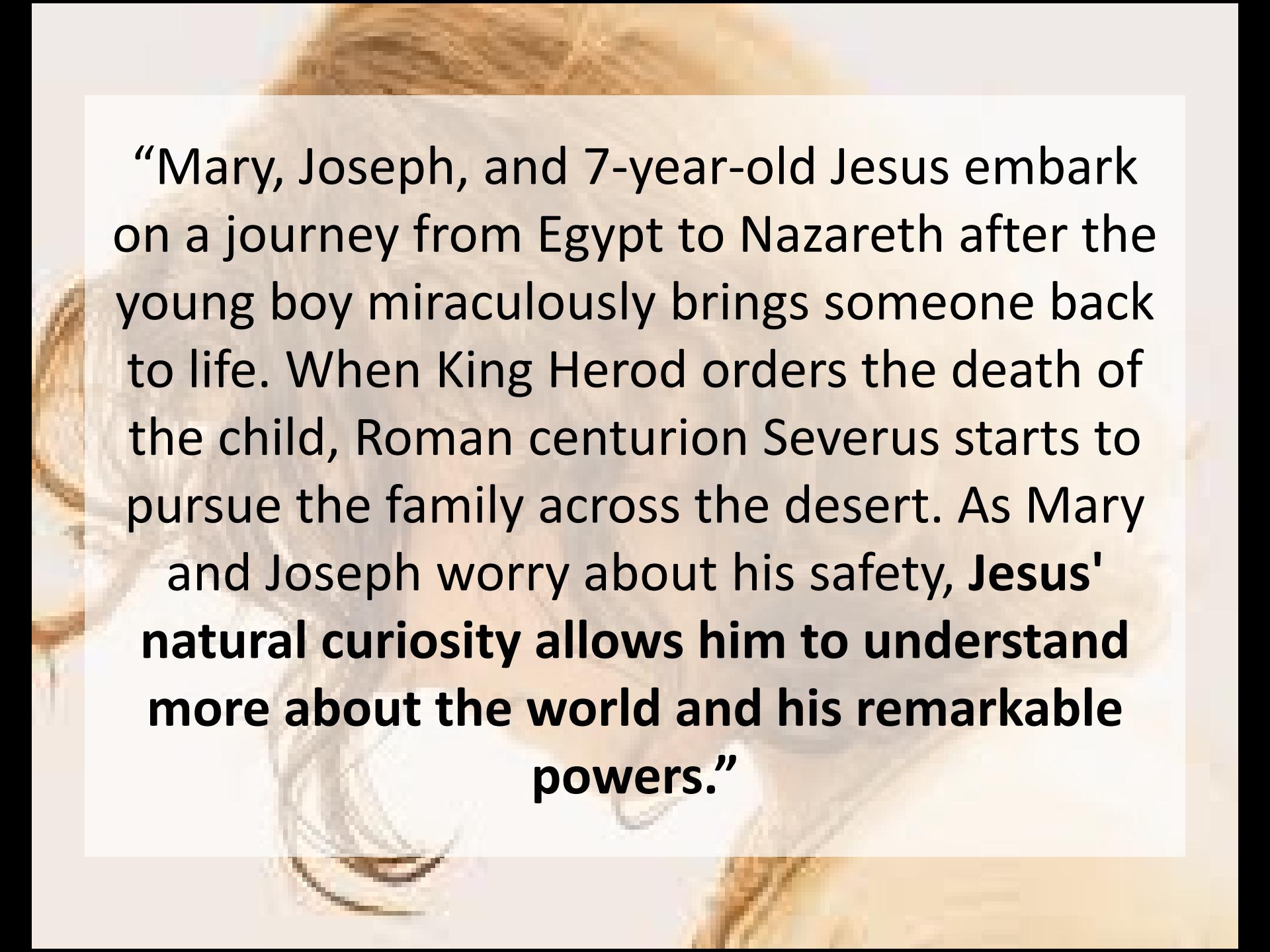


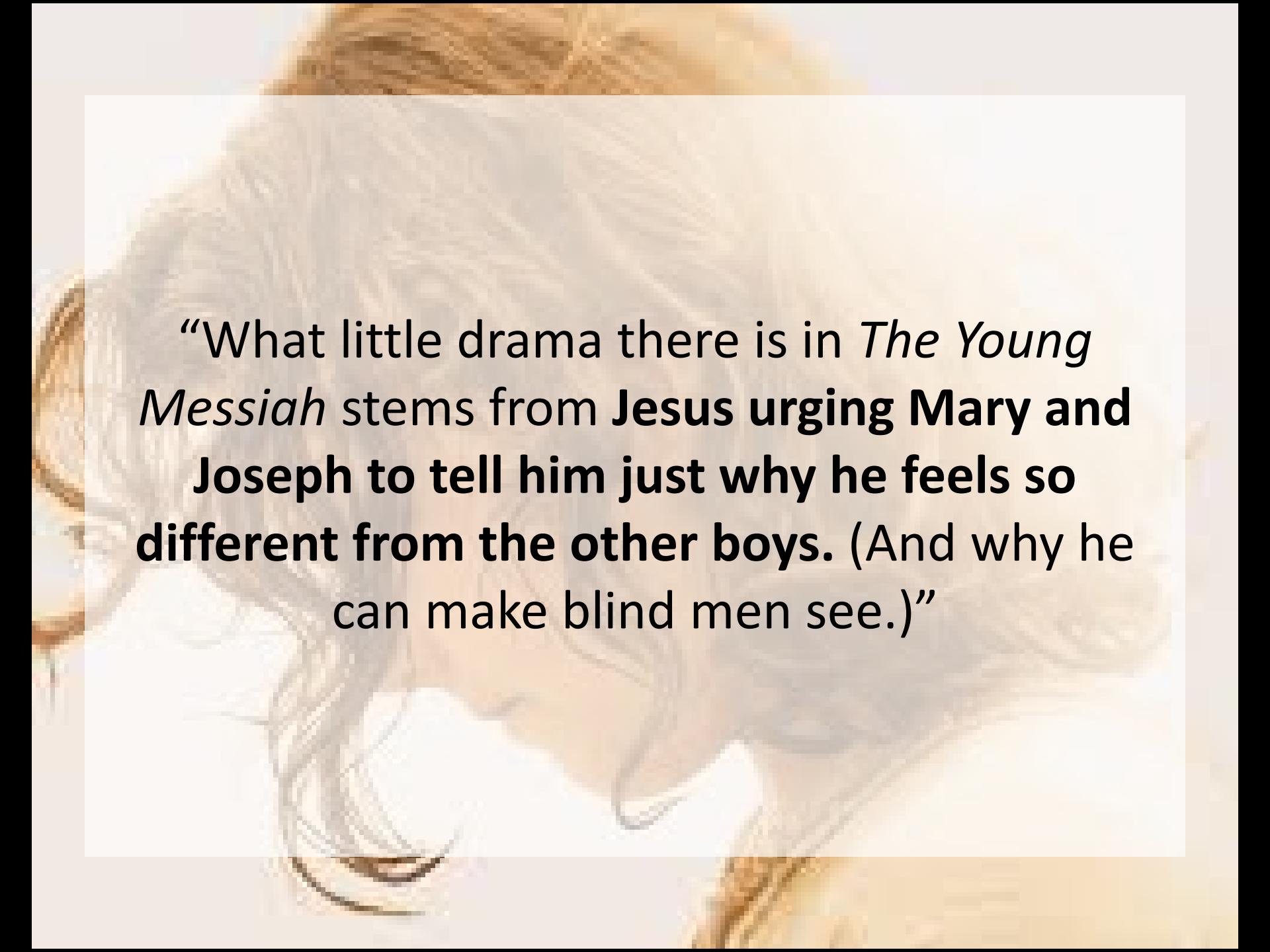
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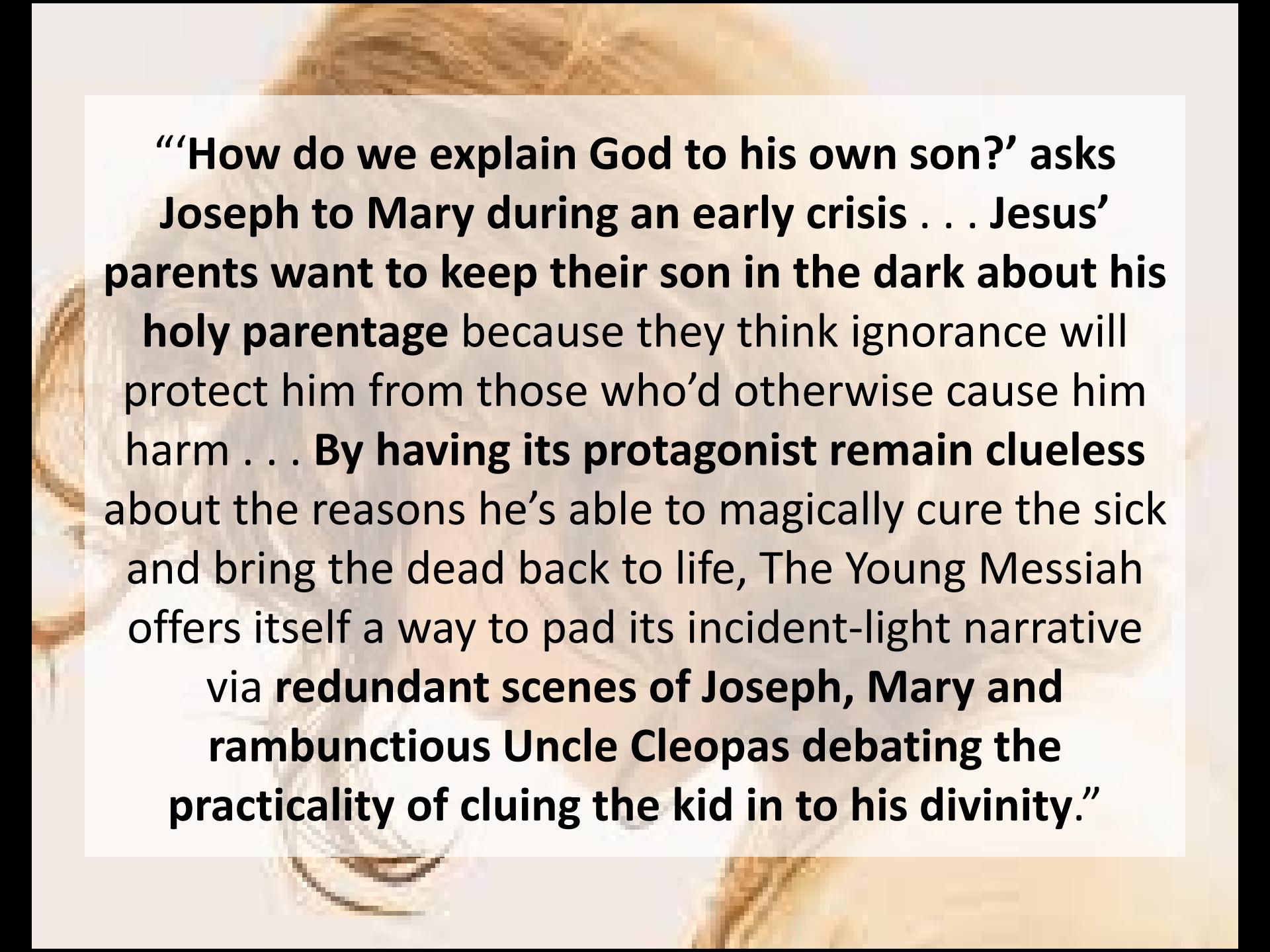
The Young Messiah “tells the story of Jesus Christ at age seven as he and his family depart Egypt to return home to Nazareth. Told from his childhood perspective, it follows young Jesus **as he grows into his religious identity.**”



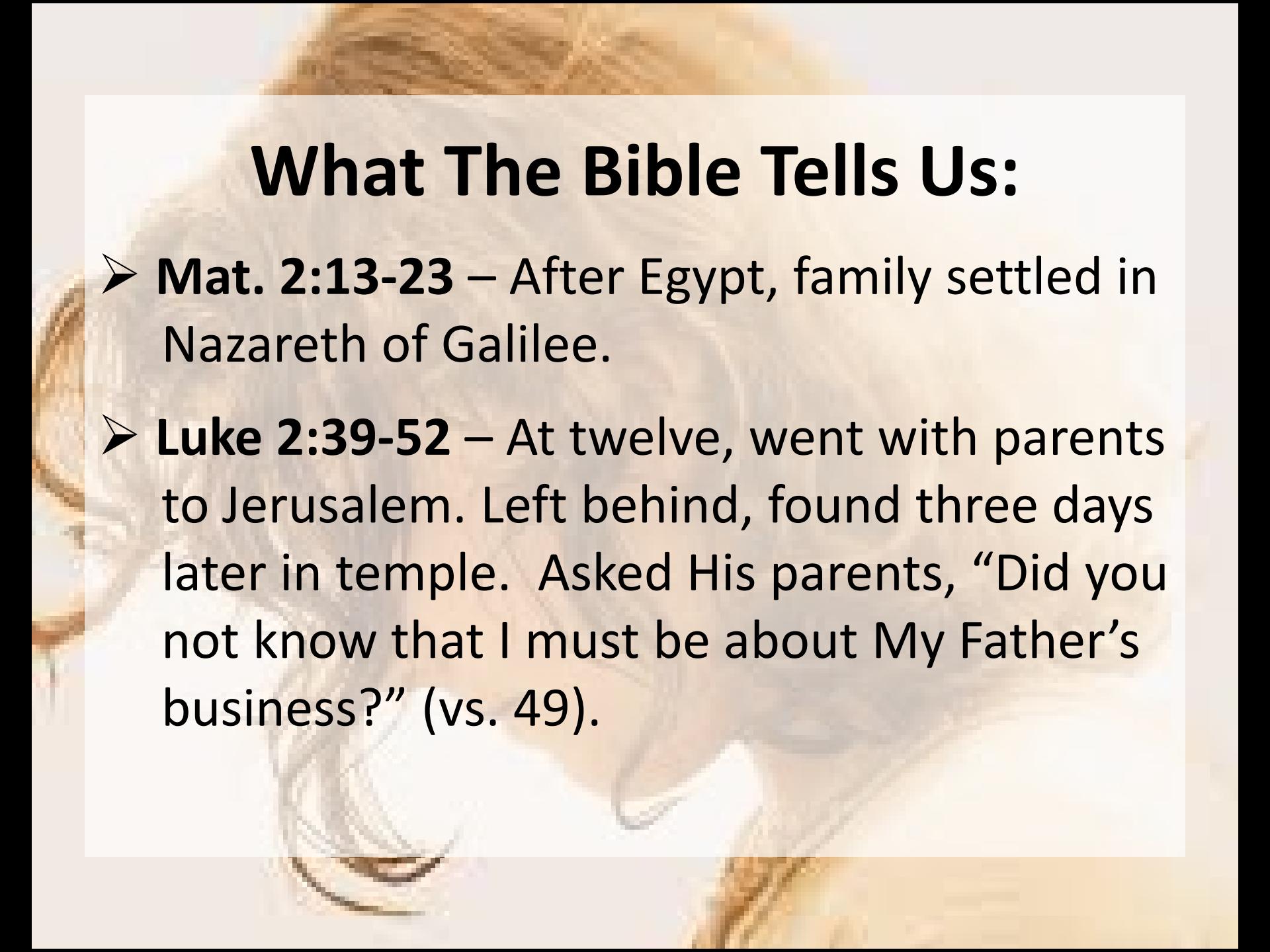
“Mary, Joseph, and 7-year-old Jesus embark on a journey from Egypt to Nazareth after the young boy miraculously brings someone back to life. When King Herod orders the death of the child, Roman centurion Severus starts to pursue the family across the desert. As Mary and Joseph worry about his safety, **Jesus' natural curiosity allows him to understand more about the world and his remarkable powers.**”



“What little drama there is in *The Young Messiah* stems from Jesus urging Mary and Joseph to tell him just why he feels so different from the other boys. (And why he can make blind men see.)”



“How do we explain God to his own son?’ asks Joseph to Mary during an early crisis . . . Jesus’ parents want to keep their son in the dark about his holy parentage because they think ignorance will protect him from those who’d otherwise cause him harm . . . By having its protagonist remain clueless about the reasons he’s able to magically cure the sick and bring the dead back to life, The Young Messiah offers itself a way to pad its incident-light narrative via redundant scenes of Joseph, Mary and rambunctious Uncle Cleopas debating the practicality of cluing the kid in to his divinity.”



What The Bible Tells Us:

- **Mat. 2:13-23** – After Egypt, family settled in Nazareth of Galilee.
- **Luke 2:39-52** – At twelve, went with parents to Jerusalem. Left behind, found three days later in temple. Asked His parents, “Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?” (vs. 49).

What We Know From Luke 2:

- At twelve Jesus fully understood that He was the Son of God.

Why we cannot know for certain what Jesus knew and when He knew it:

- Scripture does not reveal the answer.
- We cannot fully comprehend God in the flesh.
- We cannot understand “the Child grew and became strong in spirit” and “Jesus increased in wisdom.”

What We Know From Luke 2:

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Truths we must be content with:

- **Psa. 145:3** – His greatness is unsearchable.
- **John 20:31** – Gospels were written that we might believe that Jesus is the Son of God.
- **Deut. 29:29** – The secret things belong to God; what has been revealed belongs to us.

What We Know From Luke 2:

- At twelve Jesus fully understood that He had come to be about His Father's business.

Jesus' description of His Father's Business:

- **John 5:43** – By His Father's Authority.
- **John 6:38** – To do His Father's will.
- **John 12:46** – To shine His Father's spiritual light.
- **John 18:37** – To witness His Father's spiritual truth.
- **John 9:39** – To distinguish His Father's people.
- **John 10:10** – To Give His Father's people life.

What We Know From Luke 2:

- Jesus' identity and purpose were not taught to Him by His parents.
 - **Luke 2:50** – His parents did not understand what He was saying.
 - **John 1:18** – Joseph and Mary didn't explain God to Jesus; Jesus explained God to them – and to everyone else.

Peter's Affirmation in 2 Pet. 1:16-21:

- He and other apostles and NT writers spoke and wrote the absolute truth.
 - Apostles were eyewitnesses.
 - Peter and other prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit.
- There were other speakers and writers who were making stuff up.
- Peter's encouragement: **Know the difference!**