

## **“The Nazarene’s Mother”**

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**Subject: She’s a mother of a Nazarene.**

*(Blsd speaks)* Nazarene . . . Nazarene means the crowned one; yet it also means the despised one; [so much] until they ask “how can anything good come out of Nazareth?” (See **John 1:46**) Hmm, how can it? Because we’re born again. And we became Nazarenes; we became Nazarenes. I will not forget thee. It may look like it’s a long time, but I’ll get there. Just hold on . . . We are people of sorrow, we Nazarenes. Yes, yes, we are acquainted with grief, we Nazarenes. But we weep a little for a few days, and then we journey on. With tears in our eyes we journey on. . . . Drink a little water for your journey. Ah . . . let me tell you one thing, it’s an important thing to have someone on this road; it’s a lonely one. The people near to you, oh, you know that you are going to see them again if they’ve made their calling and election sure. But the human feeling of missing, the feeling of being separate—you see that’s what the Nazarene is about; it’s to acquaint you with separating yourself from everything that you love. But there is that about life, you can separate yourself from everything, but human life and being; God Himself said let this cup pass. I don’t care who you are. Are you understanding what I mean about the Nazarene somewhat?

**Matthew 2:23** “And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.” Now, if He was called a Nazarene—is that good enough for you? (Clapping) Maybe this is the part of you that you have been wondering about for all of these years. And finally, now you know what it is. It was that Nazarene part of you. (An elder reads.) **Acts 24:5** “For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:”