



## FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

Mahogany

*Matthew 2:13*

*Now when they had departed,  
behold, an angel of the Lord  
appeared to Joseph in a dream  
and said, "Rise, take the child  
and his mother, and flee to Egypt,  
and remain there till I tell you;  
for Herod is about to search for the child,  
to destroy him."*

This was one of my earlier carvings, done at the time when I had good close-up vision. (The faces, hands and baby Jesus are too small for me to attempt today—1997).

Shortly after I finished this piece I took it with me on a visit to my sister. She asked if she could show it to her neighbor, who was a close friend and a very devout Catholic. I'm sure the neighbor was only being kind when she said with much conviction that my Mary looked just like Mary, the Mother of Jesus! I was flattered but also amused because one of the reasons I liked doing Biblical subjects is that no one knows what they looked like 2,000 years ago.

I always marvel at some of the Chinese ivory carvings which have such intricate designs and are in such detail. I don't think anyone can fully appreciate the skill that goes into that unless they have actually tried to do it themselves.