

GET UP, TAKE THE CHILD AND ESCAPE TO EGYPT

Matthew 2:13-23

Key Verse: 2:13

1. Read verses 13-14. How did God communicate his will to Joseph? What did the Lord tell Joseph to do? Why was it necessary to leave Bethlehem? What did Joseph do? What does this show about him?
2. Read verse 15. How long were they to stay in Egypt? What prophecy did this journey fulfill? What can we learn from this event about God and how he works? About the world into which Jesus came?
3. Why did Matthew emphasize Old Testament prophecy? What does this contribute to our knowledge of Jesus?
4. Read verses 16-18. How did Herod work to destroy Jesus? Why do you think he became so crafty and evil? How did God thwart his plan? What prophecy does this fulfill? Contrast Jesus who came to save with King Herod.
5. Read verses 19-23. When and why did Joseph take his family and leave Egypt? What is repeated in verses 13-23? (What is implied by his being called a Nazarene? [Jn 1:46; 7:52]) How did Joseph's actions continue to reflect his obedience and God's sovereignty? What can we learn from him?