

# No Easy Road

Matthew 2:12-23

## 1. The New \_\_\_\_\_ from Egypt

**Matthew 2:12-15** And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. **13** When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

- **Hosea 11:1-2** "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. **2** But the more I called Israel, the further they went from me. They sacrificed to the Baals and they burned incense to images."
- "What God has done in the past, is both a model and a promise for what He will do in the future. But He is so creative that He won't do it exactly the same way twice." - **Dr. James Allman**

### Matthew reveals parallels between the Exodus of Israel and the ministry of Jesus Christ:

- | Exodus:   | Jesus:   |
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| • Israel is my Son  | Jesus is my Son  |
| • Israel is brought out of Egypt                          | Jesus is brought out of Egypt                                |
| • An evil king (Pharaoh) is killing Hebrew babies         | An evil king (Herod) is killing Hebrew babies                |
| • God sends a savior - Moses                              | God sends a Savior – Jesus                                   |
| • Israel spent 40 years in the desert                     | Jesus spent 40 days in the desert                            |
| • Israel passed through the Jordan into the promised land | Jesus baptized in the Jordan before his ministry in the land |
| • Israel receives the law on Mount Saini                  | Jesus reveals the law in the sermon on the mount             |
| • The Mosaic Covenant comes through Moses                 | The New Covenant comes through Jesus                         |

## 2. Ramah: Weeping for \_\_\_\_\_ Children

**Matthew 2:16-18** When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. **17** Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: **18** "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

- Quoted from Jeremiah 31:15
- **Those who follow Jesus will be treated \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **There will be weeping because of evil but because of God's faithfulness there is also \_\_\_\_\_.**
- **Jeremiah 31:33-34 (ESV)** For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **34** And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

### Next Steps for Growth:

- I want to begin to follow Jesus today.  I want to be contacted by a pastor.
- I want to be baptized.
- I want to become a member.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  Change my contact info

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:  1<sup>st</sup> time guest  2<sup>nd</sup> time guest  Regular Attendee  Member (taken membership class & committed to membership covenant)

### 3. Nazareth: Back to \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 2:19-23* After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt 20 and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead." 21 So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, 23 and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: "He will be called a Nazarene."

- *nēšer* = branch or root
- *Isaiah 11:1-2* There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch (*nēšer*) from his roots shall bear fruit. 2 And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- *Isaiah 53:2-5* He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root (*nēšer*) out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Prayer Requests/Praise Items: \_ Put this on the prayer chain.