

December 27, 2015 SERMON NOTES
The Rest of the Christmas Story
Matthew 2:13-16

I. Joseph and Mary suffered the Christmas Blues.

A. They got off to a good start: strangers visited and some _____.

B. They fled to _____.

¹³ Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him."

In the middle of the night God said _____!

C. God's plan always fits _____.

*¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord *appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, ²⁰ "Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead." ²¹ So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned by God in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, ²³ and came and lived in a city called Nazareth. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: "He shall be called a Nazarene."*

D. What can we learn?

1. The safest place to be is where _____.

2. Just because you are a Christian does not exempt you _____.

3. God is always _____.