

## THE DAY AFTER

MATTHEW 2:13-23 | ERIC SIMPSON | December 1, 2021

Matthew 2:11

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

Matthew 2:13-14

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." 14 So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, 15 where he stayed until the death of Herod.

Matthew 2:19-21

19 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.

- **Saying yes to God and His plans is often disruptive to our plans.**

Joseph's example of disruptive obedience...

He took Mary home as his wife. (Matthew 1:24)

He took Mary and newborn Jesus to Egypt. (Matthew 2:14)

He stayed with Mary and Jesus in Egypt until Herod died. (Matthew 2:15)

He returned to Israel with Mary and Jesus. (Matthew 2:21)

- **Just because you can't see God working, doesn't mean He isn't near.**

Jesus spent his first 9 months on earth in a womb—nobody saw him, yet the Son of God was in the room.