

There's No Place Like Home
for the Holidays
The Stress of Travel
Matthew 2:13-23

“And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod.”

Matthew 2:14-15

Main Point: God takes sovereign action to protect His Son.

God's sovereign protection

- From Bethlehem to Egypt- “...flee to Egypt.” (Matt 2:13)
- From Egypt to Israel- “...he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.” (Matt 2:21)
- Once in Israel, specifically to Galilee- “...being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee.” (Matt 2:22)
- Settling in the city of Nazareth- “And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth...” (Matt 2:23)

Comparison of Jesus and Israel

<u>Israel</u>	<u>Jesus</u>
Called God's son (Hos. 11:1)	Called the Son of God (Luke 3:22)
Rescued and saved by God (Exodus 14:30)	Savior of His people (Lk 2:10-11; John 4:42)
Given grace and mercy (Jer. 31:1-3; Lam. 3:22)	Giver of grace (John 1:14-17)

The tears of the exile have finally come to an end- the true Son of God has arrived!

We find Jesus, full of grace and truth, proclaiming the gospel (the good news) wherever he went (Matt 4:23, 9:35).

In other words, wherever Jesus traveled, He did so full of grace and ready to share the good news of salvation.

Question: Will you be running here, there and everywhere stressed out this Christmas? Or will you be sent filled with the peace and joy of our Savior to key locations in need of grace?

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Next week: No Place Like Home for the Holidays-
The Stress of Finding Christ in Christmas- Luke 2:1-20