

Sermon Outline

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December 21, 2025

“A Christmas Escape”
Pastor Corey Kugle

Matthew 2:13-23

Introduction

1. **Overcoming Danger** (vv. 13-15)

A. God’s active role to protect His Son (vv. 13-14)

B. Fulfilled prophecy (v. 15; Hos. 11:1)

2. **Bringing Hope Out of Despair** (vv. 16-18)

A. Despair in Bethlehem (v. 16)

B. Despair to hope in Jeremiah (vv. 17-18; Jer. 31:15, 16-17, 31-34)

C. Despair to hope in our lives (Jn. 16:33; 1 Pet. 5:10; 2 Cor. 4:16-18; Rev. 21:4)

3. **Returning to Obscurity** (vv. 19-23)

A. God's active role to bring His Son back to Israel (vv. 19-22)

B. Nazareth: a despised place for a despised Messiah (v. 23; Acts 24:5; Is. 53:3; Ps. 22:6; Is. 49:7; Dan. 9:26)

What's Next?

- Christmas Services: "*A Christmas Gift For All*" – Matthew, Pastor Corey Kugle
 - December 23 (6:00pm)
 - December 24 (5:00pm & 7:00pm)
- December 28: "*The Fall of Saul*" – 1 Samuel 15, Pastor Kris Neider