Jesus is the HOPE

Matthew 2:13-23

* Exodus, initiating a New Covenant
  + Refugee in Egypt
    - Joseph hears God’s message, 13
    - He obeys, going and waiting, 14-15a
    - Are you willing to wait on the Lord?
  + Out of Egypt
    - Prophecy fulfilled. Type and antitype, 15b
    - Hosea 11:1. Out of Egypt I called My Son
    - The nation of Israel is a type of Christ (Exod 4:22). Moses gives the covenant.
    - Yet Hosea shows God’s love and work (2-12)
    - Where are you looking for satisfaction?
* Exile, the comfort has arrived
  + Evil against God’s people
    - Herod is a tool of Satan, 16 (Jn 10:10)
    - Herod is an example of us (Jn 1:11-12), caring more about himself
    - What are you willing to do to advance your personal priorities?
  + Comfort for God’s people
    - Fulfilled by analogy, 17-18
    - Rachel was the “mother of Israel,” buried in Ramah.
    - Jeremiah and exiles staged in Ramah, 586BC
    - Jer 31:15, the only sad verse in the chapter
    - The Comfort has arrived, New Covenant
* Nazarene, life sprouts from the stump
  + Dislocated
    - Return and relocation, 19-21
    - Like father, like son: Archelaus, 22
    - Joseph was afraid, 22
    - He moved to Galilee, under Herod Antipas
  + The Nazarene
    - Fulilled. In keeping with prophetic portrait
    - Nazer=Branch
    - The King has come! (Isa 11, 60; Zech 3, 6)
    - Despised and rejected
    - Can any good thing come out? (Jn 1:46)
    - Suffering Servant (Isa 42, 52-53; Hag 2)
    - A Gentile town (Isa 9:1; 11:10; 42:6)

Application Questions

* What might it feel like to be displaced from your home? How can you minister to those who have lost their resources?
* In what ways have you encountered opposition to the cause of Christ? How might it help to know that your suffering is something that is common (1 Cor 10:13)?
* Are you willing to be “called a Nazarene” (Jn 1:46), to bear reproach for Jesus (Heb 13:11-15)? What, specifically, might that look like?