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?