

Personal Application and Conversations

1. What do you know about the day you were born and the early years of your life?
2. What are your thoughts about a Savior who needed to be saved (Matt. 2:13)?
3. Joseph was a steward of the Child; the angel commanded him to take the child and escape to Egypt and stay there until he received further instruction as to what to do next. It sounds like a Mission Impossible feature. But why didn't the Lord just make all the suspense disappear? What does all this do to your confidence in Christ?
4. How have your prayers in recent days been impacted by prophecies fulfilled in the coming of Christ as the prophets foretold?
5. Talk about your response to the escape of the promised Child vs. the murder of all those young boys in Bethlehem.



The Great Escape

Matthew 2:13-18

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What do you know about all the excitement, spell that drama, that surrounded your birth and your first few years of life? I'm sure you have enjoyed the telling of your story filled with all the wonder of parents who cherished it. I wonder what Mary told her little son Jesus about the events surrounding His birth and the early years of his boyhood. What was she seeing in her memories of all the excitement, suspense, adoration, and praise? Let's be guided in our worship this morning as Matthew helps us appreciate how our Savior Himself had to be saved from the hatred of our world.

Supernatural intervention

Angelic suspense

Shielded by night

Stewardship of a child

Sorrow foretold