

# The Perfect Life

## Matthew 2:13-23

What would life be like if you **were/had** a perfect \_\_\_\_\_?

What would life be like if we were perfect \_\_\_\_\_?

### The "Incarnation": God in the \_\_\_\_\_

John 1:14: God the Son, from eternity past, creator of all that is became a \_\_\_\_\_ without stopping being \_\_\_\_\_

He always had full access to His \_\_\_\_\_ (rights, power, glory) yet lived within the \_\_\_\_\_ of being human

He **never** did or thought \_\_\_\_\_

The story of the incarnation is told \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible:

Joseph's experience so far:

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#### 13-15: Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus & Mary to Egypt

Magi \_\_\_\_\_. Now a king wants to \_\_\_\_\_ Him

"the child and his mother" were \_\_\_\_\_ to Joseph

Egypt was place of \_\_\_\_\_ for Jewish patriarchs

Pattern:

God interrupts: a "\_\_\_\_\_!" moment

Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ immediately & fully

Creator of the universe needs \_\_\_\_\_ help

Fulfills God's plan and \_\_\_\_\_: prophet Hosea

Israel: Formed, rebelled, and rescued from \_\_\_\_\_

God's protection and provision \_\_\_\_\_ exile

#### 16-18: Herod \_\_\_\_\_ baby boys to try to \_\_\_\_\_ Messiah

What brings \_\_\_\_\_ to Magi makes Herod \_\_\_\_\_

Pattern:

Herod responds \_\_\_\_\_: Errs on the side of...

Fulfills God's plan and \_\_\_\_\_: unique statement

Rachel: favorite wife of Israel; symbol for \_\_\_\_\_

Ramah: near Rachel's grace & Bethlehem; point of departure for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_; weeping as country was \_\_\_\_\_

Yet "the only \_\_\_\_\_ verse in Jeremiah 31"

A painful \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of the greater \_\_\_\_\_

#### 19-23: Joseph returns with Jesus & Mary, but to \_\_\_\_\_

Pattern:

God interrupts: another "\_\_\_\_\_!" moment

Joseph obeys \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 13)

Fulfills God's plan and pattern

Much like Moses: savior is also delivered from \_\_\_\_\_

Perhaps "Nazarene" = \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

John 1:46; Acts 24:6

Isaiah 53:3

### The Big Idea:

**God obtains His \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_ by working \_\_\_\_\_ all things including \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ**

John 18:36; 16:33; Romans 8:28-30

### Application:

Have the right \_\_\_\_\_ for following Jesus

John 18:36; John 16:33; 1 Corinthians 15:19

If your goal is to make this life \_\_\_\_\_, Christ will \_\_\_\_\_ you

So...

Jesus is working for \_\_\_\_\_ our good and His glory

Jesus is with us in \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 4:15: we have a high priest who...

Persevere with \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 12:11; Colossians 3:23-24

Imagine \_\_\_\_\_ from the creator and sustainer of the universe!

Have \_\_\_\_\_ faith

We see God's power when it is \_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Life with wisdom \_\_\_\_\_ faith

Like Joseph, we are expected to make \_\_\_\_\_ decisions

Sometimes God interrupts to \_\_\_\_\_: "\_\_\_\_\_!"

He does that today through...

Conviction through the Holy Spirit in the Word or life

People's input

Natural world and life circumstances

Ideal: "\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom" and "wise \_\_\_\_\_"

### Reflection Questions

1. Where do you need to see God's power today? Where is God working for His glory and your good in your life today?
2. What does the trajectory of your life look like? That is, what line would you draw between now and the end of your days on earth? How does it look different when you include the time after death?
3. How have you seen God's power made perfect in weakness?
4. How do you need "faith-filled wisdom" in your life today?