

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?