

THE SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS

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Matthew 2.1-23

One Thing: One of the ways that people around the world observe the “Feast of the Innocents Day” is to support a local crisis pregnancy center or another organization that supports those who suffer. Pray about what God might be leading you to do.

Notes:

I. The Movement of the Magi (2.1–12)

II. The Movement of the Male-Child (2.13–23)

Weekday Application Questions:

- a. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged you, or encouraged you?
- b. Put yourself in the shoes of Mary or Joseph during this passage. What do you think that they were feeling as they fled Bethlehem with Jesus? What do you think they felt when they heard what Herod the Great did to the male babies in Bethlehem?
- c. What are some elements in the Christmas Story that are often overlooked? Why? Where have we unnecessarily added things to the Christmas Story?
- d. Looking at these verses, what are the various responses that you see to the news of Jesus' birth (from Herod, from the religious leaders, from the magi)?