

## Scripture

*Matthew 2:13 (RSV)*

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

## Reflection

All good things come from above. (James 1:17)

From goodness, comes life. From evil, comes death. Jesus is the life; He is good. Through His life we are set free from all evil.

What is evil? It is the privation or distortion of good. We must not think that evil is the equal opposite to good. Evil compared to the love that God has for you is but a drop of water cascading into a flame.

Sin is always harmful and seeks to destroy. In repentance we give up our sin and are set free by God's passionate and enduring love.

Amen.



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## Contemplate + Share

Pause a few minutes with God; pray, journal.

- Q. Did something stand out to you? Why?
- Q. What is God saying to you right now?
- Q. What part of your identity did you uncover?
- Q. Do you feel compelled to make an action?

## Prayer

Jesus, you are good. Today, I commit to reject evil and seek good in my life.

I open my life to an encounter with you.

I surrender my all to you; this is my new beginning.

Jesus, your light scatters the darkness:

*Lord have mercy*

Jesus, you rose from death into life:

*Christ have mercy*

Jesus, you are our redeemer:

*Lord have mercy*