

“Jesus Is...The Inaugurator of the New Exodus”

New Day Church

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Matthew 2:13-15

Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a **flexible guide** that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God’s Word.

Message Summary

Jesus said to His disciples on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, “*Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men!*” These men dropped their nets and followed Him. But who were they following? Prior to this invitation, Matthew gives us a picture of the Man they decided to follow. As a matter of fact, he gives us no less than 20 pictures of Jesus. David Platt, who identified these 20 pictures, said, “This Jesus is worthy of more than nominal adherence and church association...it’s either turn and run or bow and worship.”

This Jesus is the Promised Offspring that will crush Satan’s head and bless the whole world. He is the Promised King Whose reign has begun and He demands our allegiance. He is the Promised Messiah Who rules with authority as King; representing God to us as Prophet and us to God as Priest. He is the Promised Savior Who will save you from the bondage and consequences of sin. He is the Center of History and no other person, population, or power can change the fact that Jesus is the One toward Whom all of history before and after Him points. He is the God-Man; man’s perfect God and God’s perfect Man. This Jesus is Sovereign over the wise and Shepherd over the weak. This week we see Him as the Inaugurator of the New Exodus.

After the magi left Jerusalem, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and warned him to take the baby Jesus and His mother and flee to Egypt because Herod was going to kill Him. Matthew tells the reader the reason is to fulfill a prophecy from Hosea 11:1 where God says, “*Out of Egypt I called my Son.*” So clearly, this passage is more than a story of deliverance of the baby Jesus. It’s connected to the Old Testament. But when you go back and read Hosea 11 you discover that Hosea was recounting a historical event, not predicting the future. So what was Matthew identifying?

Matthew was identifying the fact that God has always been and always will be a God of deliverance. God delivered His people from Egypt through a series of plagues on Egypt, culminating in the final plague, the death plague. The only way Israel would escape this death plague was to paint the blood of the Passover Lamb over the doorposts of their homes. So the Exodus was inaugurated through this Passover lamb. Just as God delivered His people Israel from the clutches of the Pharaoh in Egypt through the Passover lamb, so will He deliver people from the clutches of sin through His Son, Jesus, the “*Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world*” (John 1:29)!

Have you been delivered from the clutches of sin in the New Exodus brought forth by Jesus? He shed His blood for you. And when you put your faith in Him, He delivers you from the consequences of sin. But He doesn’t just deliver you from sin. He delivers you to worship Him. How are you worshiping Him in your daily life? How will you worship Him as you live alongside other disciples in your Missional Community? Be prepared to discuss these questions and more as you prepare to gather with your Missional Community this week.

Message Outline

Parallels between Old & New Exodus:

1. Delivered by the Blood of another.
2. Delivered through Faith in another.
3. Delivered for Worship of another.

Therefore...In the New Exodus we are:

1. Delivered from the Penalty of sin.
2. Delivered from the Power of sin.
3. Delivered from the Presence of sin.

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Group Discussion

Use the following questions to help make application of God’s Word to your Head (What God wants me to know), to your Heart (What God wants me to desire/value), and to your Hands (What God wants me to do).

In regard to Matthew 2:13-15:

1. What does this passage say about God’s character?
2. What is God doing here? How does this passage fit in the overall narrative of the Bible?
3. What is God saying about me?
4. Where am I not living by faith? How do I return to faith?
5. How should I practice this in everyday life?

Weekly Prayer Focus

• Church:

- Pray that God would give us new believers and covenant members.
- Pray that all who have believed the Gospel will obey Jesus in believer’s baptism.
- Pray for new relationships that will lead to Gospel conversations.
- Pray for the elders as they lead us to accomplish the mission.
- Pray for the Missional Communities to establish their goals and objects and begin to live them out.
- Pray for the 2016 Financial Ministry Plan as we seek to be a church of disciples who make disciples of all the nations.

• Local:

- Pray for Farm Day 2015 and Steve Boyd as he prepares to share the Gospel message through a round-pin demonstration.
- Pray for the Friday Night Beach Bonfire Outreach and the developing friendships. Pray these will lead toward Gospel conversations.
- Pray for the Community Thanksgiving Meal held on November 21, 2015 at 11a.m. at NWFSC – South Walton Center.
- Pray that God would burden us with the lostness in our cities, neighborhoods, and at work.
- Pray that God will identify 5 people you can begin to invest in and engage with the Gospel.

• Global:

- Pray that God would give you a heart for the nations.
- Pray for the team working in SEA, the new believers, for those who have heard the Gospel, and the church planting movement among the unreached.
- Pray for Good Shepherd Ministries and Bill & Sandy Younger.
- Pray for Servants Hearts Ministries and Bob & Georgette Kornegay.
- Pastor Abraham and his church in Guatemala.