

## REASONS TO REJOICE

### Matthew 2:13-23

**Big Idea:** *The presence of Jesus brings us constant joy and enables us to rejoice in every moment.*

#### 1. Prophecy #1: Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ .

<sup>13</sup> “Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him.’ <sup>14</sup> So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. <sup>15</sup> He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ‘Out of Egypt I called My Son.’”

Hosea 11:1 “When Israel was a youth I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.”

#### 2. Prophecy # 2: Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ .

<sup>16</sup> “Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi. <sup>17</sup> Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: <sup>18</sup> ‘A voice was heard in Ramah, Weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; And she refused to be comforted, because they were no more.’”

Jeremiah 31:16-17 “Thus says the Lord, ‘Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears; For your work will be rewarded,’ declares the Lord, ‘And they will return from the land of the enemy. <sup>17</sup> There is hope for your future,’ declares the Lord, ‘And *your* children will return to their own territory.’”

#### 3. Prophecy # 3: Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ .

<sup>19</sup> “But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, <sup>20</sup> ‘Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.’ <sup>21</sup> So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned by God in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, <sup>23</sup> and came and lived in a city called Nazareth. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: ‘He shall be called a Nazarene.’”

Isaiah 11:1-2 “Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.”

### Application:

1. We can find joy in our discouragements by simply obeying.
2. We can find joy in our discouragements by embracing difficult times.

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