

# Matthew Lesson 02

## 2:13-18 The Escape to Egypt

1. How did the Lord remove Jesus from the danger of death in Bethlehem?

We have great comfort in knowing that God will keep us safe from evil that would hurt or harm us. **Romans 8:28**—We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him.

2. In what ways do you expect God to help you?
3. What evil order did King Herod give? Why?

## 2:19-23 The Return to Nazareth

4. After wicked King Herod died, to what city did Joseph take Jesus and his mother Mary to live in?

## 3:1-12 John the Baptist Prepares the Way

5. What does a person need to “repent” of?

**Matthew 3:2**—“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

6. What does v.8 mean?

**Matthew 3:8**—“Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.”

7. In 3:9-10, why is it true that people cannot think themselves as God’s children just because their parents or ancestors were followers of the Lord?
8. What event do the words of 3:11 remind us of? See Acts 2.

9. The Bible uses the picture of the harvest to describe the events of the Last Day. In 3:12, what is the *wheat that is gathered into the barn* and what is the *chaff that is burned with unquenchable fire*?

### **3:13-17 The Baptism of Jesus**

Jesus was baptized like all the other people. Notice that in 3:15 Jesus says he has to be baptized to “fulfill all righteousness.” This means that Jesus did everything perfectly in order to be our substitute.

10. In 3:16-17 we read about a very important event because this section of God’s Word proves we have a Triune (three-in-one) God. Identify where all three persons of God are involved in the baptism of Jesus.

11. Why is it good to know that the Father was well-pleased with his Son?