

SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

Rev. Tony Felich

The Reality of Hatred Toward Christ

Matthew 2:13-23

January 21, 2024

Sermon Text	Sermon Notes
<p>Matthew 2:13 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 until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." [14] And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt [15] and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son." [16] Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. [17] Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: [18] "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." [19] But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, [20] saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." [21] And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. [22] But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. [23] And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.</p>	<p><i>The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend, to guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end; though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale, against the foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.</i></p> <p>Samuel John Stone, "The Church's One Foundation"</p> <p>I. God warns about hateful opposition (13-15)</p> <p>II. The enemies of Christ are not always subtle (16-18)</p> <p>III. God's protection and wisdom are needed (19-23)</p>
<p>John 15:18 "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.</p>	<p>Memory verses for 2024-</p> <p>Isaiah 46:3-4</p> <p>[3] "Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb;</p> <p>[4] even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.</p>

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1. Discuss this statement and why you think it is accurate or not:

"The Rulers of this world are seldom friendly to the cause of God." (JC Ryle)

2. How did the hardships of Christ prepare Him for His mission?

3. The Bible says Christians should expect opposition (John 15:18-20). Discuss how we might prepare for and deal with opposition.

4. Read Psalm 2 and discuss how it relates to the life of Christ and the experience of the Church.

Prayer Requests

This week our family will lift up requests for:

This week our family will praise the Lord for:

HFG Notes & Actions:

Next HFG meeting is: