

## When Christmas Isn't Picture Perfect

Matthew 2:13-2:23

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## THE HOLIDAYS CAN BE FULL OF HASSLES (v. 13-15)

13 When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." 14 So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, 15 where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

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## It Was A Hassle For Mary And Joseph, Too

Oh, what a Christmas!  
But the hassles are just beginning  
Joseph scrounges up the money

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• Psalm 46:1

“God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.”

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**II. CHRISTMAS CAN BE FULL OF HURT** (v. 16-18)

Pain doesn't take a holiday.

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• Psalm 34:18-19

**18** The LORD is close to the brokenhearted  
and saves those who are crushed in  
spirit.

**19** The righteous person may have many  
troubles,  
but the LORD delivers him from them all;

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III. CHRISTMAS CAN BRING YOU HOPE (v. 19-23)

“We can live forty days without food, eight days without water, four minutes without air, but only a few seconds without hope.”

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• John 13:1

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus **knew** that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

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