

Rooted in the Word weekly readings for:

January 6-12, 2014

Scripture: Matthew 2:13-23

Begin each daily devotional reading with prayer. Ask that God would speak to you through His Word and through the Holy Spirit. Consider memorizing verse 13.

January 6: Read Matthew 2:1-12. Having focused on this passage in last week's devotions and in the worship service yesterday, what is the Lord asking of you in response?

January 7: Read Matthew 2:13-23. Read the passage slowly several times. What word or phrase draws your attention? Spend time reflecting on that word/phrase asking God to speak to you through it. Write that word/phrase to keep before you this week.

January 8: Read Matthew 2:13-23. Focus on verses 13-15. God spoke to Joseph in a dream. How have you heard God speaking in your life? What has God asked of you and how have you responded?

January 9: Read Matthew 2:13-23. Focus on verse 16. What does this verse tell us about Herod? What does this verse tell us about God? What does this verse tell us about God's ability to be active in world events in our day?

January 10: Read Matthew 2:13-23. Focus on verses 17-18. How do you understand Old Testament prophecy as it relates to the coming of Jesus? How does this verse help us to understand a God who transcends time and events of time?

January 11: Read Matthew 2:13-23? Focus on verses 19-23. The protection of Jesus is partly God's activity and partly Joseph's activity. How do you understand this in the story and in your life? How have you experienced God's protection?

January 12: Read Matthew 2:13-23. Spend time in prayer thanking God for His Word, asking that He would continue to speak to you through the Spirit, this passage and the message

on Sunday morning. Pray for the preacher and our congregation.