I Wonder as I Wander
A Study of Matthew 2:13-23

"I want to know Christ
and the power of his resurrection
and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings."
Philippians 3:10

Following Christ involves _____ before homecoming.

Verses 13-15, "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.' So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, 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.'"

Following Christ involves _____ before victory.

Verses 16-18, "When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

"A voice is heard in Ramah,
    weeping and great mourning,
  Rachel weeping for her children
    and refusing to be comforted,
  because they are no more."

"Do not be surprised!" (1 John 3:13; 1 Peter 4:12-14)

John 15:18, "If the world hates you, remember that it hated me first."

Following Christ involves _____ before reward.

Verses 19-23, "After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead.' So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: 'He will be called a Nazarene.'"

John 1:46, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Matthew 10:24, "A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master."