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## THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT



The account of the [The Holy Family's](#) (1) Flight into Egypt is recorded in the [Gospel](#) (2) of [Matthew](#) (3) ([Matthew 2:13-15](#)). Only a few verses long, the narrative precedes one of the most horrific tragedies in the history of mankind - the [Massacre of the Innocents](#) (4).

After the [Birth of Jesus](#) (5) and the [Visit by the Magi](#) (6), an [Angel of the Lord](#) (7) appeared to [Joseph](#) (8) in a [dream](#) (9). "Get up," the Angel said, "take the child and His mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for [Herod](#) (10) is going to search for the child to kill Him."

Matthew's Gospel tells us that Joseph got up and readied [Mary](#) (11) and [Jesus](#) (12), as they left for Egypt that very night. Being [obedient](#) (13) to the Angel of the Lord, they remained in Egypt until receiving word that Herod died. This fulfilled what [God](#) (14) had said through the [Prophet](#) (15) [Hosea](#) (16): "Out of Egypt I called my Son" ([Hosea 11:1](#)). The Holy Family then set out on their [return to Nazareth](#) (17).

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### FOOTNOTES:

- (1) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/the-holy-family>
- (2) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/the-four-gospels>
- (3) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/matthew>
- (4) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/massacre-of-the-innocents-1>
- (5) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/the-birth-of-jesus>
- (6) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/magi-visit-the-messiah>
- (7) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/angel-of-the-lord>
- (8) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/joseph>
- (9) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/dreams-of-the-bible>
- (10) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/herod>
- (11) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/mary-mother-of-jesus>
- (12) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/jesus-christ>
- (13) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/obedience>
- (14) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/god-of-the-bible>
- (15) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/prophets-of-the-bible>
- (16) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/hosea-1>
- (17) <https://www.downriverdisciples.com/return-to-nazareth>

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