

“Stations of the Nativity”
Station #13 – Herod, Rachel & You
“THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME” Series
Message #7 of 7

“OUR FEARS & GOD’S WORK”

*We often fear the worst, but God is always working in,
through, and around us for the best.*

Matthew 2:16-21
January 12, 2020 / Communion Sunday

1. DEATH – OUT-WITTED (v.16)

“Herod ... was furious, and gave orders to kill ...”

“O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But
thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord
Jesus Christ.” — 1st Corinthians 15:55-57

“But Herod was outwitted.”

2. DESPAIR – OUT-PLAYED (v.17-18)

*“A voice is heard ... weeping and great mourning ... refusing
to be comforted.”*

“When we sinned, even as our fathers did; we have done wrong
and acted wickedly. Yet God saved them for his name’s sake,
to make his mighty power known.” – Psalm 106:6, 8

“Many times God delivered them, but they were bent on
rebellion. But he took note of their distress when he heard their
cry; for their sake he remembered his covenant and out of his
great love he relented.” – Psalm 106:43-45

“Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears,
for your work will be rewarded. They will return from the land
of the enemy. There is hope for your future. Your children will
return to their own land, says the Lord.” – Jeremiah 31:16-17

“My feelings are not God. God is God. My feelings do not
define truth. God’s word defines truth. My feelings are echoes
and response to what my mind perceives. And sometimes —
many times — my feelings are out of sync with the truth.
When that happens — and it happens every day in some
measure — I try not to bend the truth to justify my imperfect
feelings, but rather, I plead with God: ‘Purify my perceptions
of your truth and transform my feelings so that they are in sync
with the truth.’” — John Piper

“But despair was out-played.”

3. DELIVERY – OUT-LASTED (v.19-21)

*“An angel of the Lord appeared ... and said, ‘Get up, take the
child and his mother and go (back) to the land of Israel.’”*

“I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will
stand on the earth.” — Job 19:25

“Cast not away your confidence because God defers his
performances. That which does not come in your time, will be
hastened in his time, which is always the more convenient
season. God will work when he pleases, how he pleases, and by
what means he pleases. He is not bound to keep our time, but
he will perform his word, honor our faith, and reward them that
diligently seek him.” ~ Matthew Henry

“And Herod died.”