

Lectionary Bible Study

For Sunday, December 28, 2025 (Christmas 1)

Isaiah 63:7-9

Discussion Starters

1. Isaiah 63 is a prayer. What emotions are expressed in this text? What role do each of these emotions have in our prayers? In our relationship with God?
2. What events might the prophet be recalling as he prays about the many "good things" God has done? What would be some of the "good things" from your own personal life?
3. How does the prophet describe God's response to the events in the lives of His people?
4. In what way does God fight again his people and for what reason? Are they really his people if he needs to fight them?

Hebrews 2:10-18

Discussion Starters

1. Why would we need someone with flesh and blood to die in our place? Why would an angel not suffice?
2. How does suffering make something perfect (v. 10)?
3. Who is the "author of our salvation?" What does that title mean?
4. What does it mean that the devil "holds the power of death" (v. 14)?
5. What is the difference between the way Jesus made atonement and the way the priests do it?

Matthew 2:13-23

Discussion Starters

1. What does the response of Herod tell you about his character? What does it tell you about his view of the Messiah?
2. How does God direct the actions of Joseph? (Note: There is more than one way in this passage.) How does God direct the lives of people today?
3. What level of trust should we put in our dreams? Are they reliable sources for our decision making?
4. What is the difference between a Nazarene and a Nazarite? Which one was Jesus?
5. Where in our world today do you see people being threatened by the kingship of Jesus?
6. How easily could/would you respond if God called on you to make a major move of some sort?

WRAP UP

What key insight did you gain from this Bible study? How might it make a difference in how you live today?