

JESUS IS: LOVE FOR AN ANGRY WORLD

Matthew 2:1-3

Matthew 2:13-16

Two new psychological realities: Pandemic Fatigue and Pandemic _____.

Herod's anger gave way to the "Massacre of the _____"

THE THREAD OF LOVE

1. _____'s love for _____.

Joseph was "faithful to the _____". (Matt 1:19)

Two words are the hinge on which "LOVE" swings wide open: "_____."

Joseph showed that he loved Mary, but also loved _____ and _____.

Joseph's part of the story challenges us to love even when others _____.

2. _____'s love

Mary: "I am the Lord's servant ... and I am _____ to _____ whatever he wants. May everything you have said come true." (LUKE 1:38)

Mary had found _____ with God.

The thread of Mary's love was woven around _____ and her _____.

"Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them _____." (LUKE 2:19)

The Thread of Love for her Son, and her willingness, would eventually take Mary to the _____ of a _____.

Mary's part of the story challenges us to love even when we know it might _____ us _____.

3. _____'s love

_____ demonstrates His love for US in this: while we were still sinners _____ (ROMANS 5:8)

God's part of the Christmas story challenges us to _____.

4. Our _____

Jesus made it clear, the Christmas Thread of Love finds meaning -- in how _____.

The greatest Gift ever given = the gift of _____.