

3. How does Herod's arrogance toward God seem somewhat familiar in the world today? (v.16)

4. In the midst of a great tragedy in the region of Bethlehem, how might there be a glimmer of hope? (v.18) (see Jer. 31:16-17)

5. What would be the significance of Jesus' growing up in Nazareth as opposed to a city like Jerusalem? (vv.19-23)

6. What does this passage have to say to you about what Christians should expect to encounter regarding hardships in the world we live in?

"The head finds reasons to disbelieve when the heart is unwilling to surrender." - Kevin DeYoung

Pastor Deric Bartlett Sermon Notes

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Introduction

1. Christians _____ in the world
like everyone else; v. 13ff

2. Christians _____ as refugees
in a violent world v. 14-15

COME TOGETHER

for Christmas



DIGGING DEEPER
MATTHEW 2:13-23

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3. Christians _____ God's plan in their suffering; v. 13,19

4. Christians _____ God's presence in adverse circumstances: v. 13, 19, 22 v.5

Questions

Matthew 2:13-23

Ice Breaker: You don't have to be from a war-torn area of the world to have experienced times of difficulty and even great hardships in life.

How have you experienced God's wisdom and provision in times of difficulty in your life?

1. Why would it seem strange that God would send Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus to Egypt of all places? (vv.13-15)

2. What portion of God's message to Joseph might seem a little different, and why might that be? (v.13b)