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and the  
Dark Side of Christmas

Matthew 2:13-18

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It's the most wonderful time of the year

With the kids jingle-belling

And everyone telling you

Be of good cheer

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*13 When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” – Matthew 2:13.*



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*14 So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, 15 where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”*  
– Matthew 2:14-15.



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*16 When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. - Matthew 2:16.*



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*17 Then what was said through the prophet  
Jeremiah was fulfilled:*

*18 “A voice is heard in Ramah,  
weeping and great mourning, Rachel  
weeping for her children  
and refusing to be comforted,  
because they are no more.” – Matthew  
2:17-18.*



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*4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? – Luke 24:4-5.*





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*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. 2 My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. . . .27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. – John 14:1-3, 27.*

