

# Sermon Notes

## The Gift of Hope for Our Pain

### Matthew 2:13-23

December 22, 2024

**Theme: The Christmas message offers hope and encouragement when we go through difficulty, sorrow, or pain.**

Matthew 2:13-15

Why Egypt?

1. It was \_\_\_\_\_.
2. It was outside of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Many Jews already \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 2:16-18

What do we know about Herod?

1. He had a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. He was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. He lived in \_\_\_\_\_.
4. He was a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. He was a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. He had not intention of \_\_\_\_\_.

\*God is with us in our sorrow and loss

Matthew 2:19-23

What can we learn from Joseph and Mary as they faced the dark side of Christmas?

1. The importance of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. They \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Joseph and Mary's life was \_\_\_\_\_.

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