



## Dig Deeper

3rd January 2012

Matthew 2:19-23

1. What does this story tell us about Jesus and why do think Matthew records it?
2. Who is taking responsibility here, and for what?
3. How does the events in this story relate to the history of God dealing with Israel in the old Testament?\*



4. Can we identify in any way with the vulnerability of Jesus in this passage? Have we ever felt vulnerable in our Christian journey? Please share in the group if you feel able.

5. How should we respond to this story? What can we do to take practical steps for those who are vulnerable, and is this we should be doing as Christians or simply as good people?

### Notes

*The questions here are deliberately open with the aim to enable the group to respond with personal reflections and with the opportunity to respond with illustrations based upon personal experience.*

*V23 does not relate to any prophecy we have in the Old Testament and is thought to relate to Jewish oral history which Matthews target readers would understand.*

\*See Hosea 11:1 and Jeremiah 31:15

