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[Matthew 2:1-18](#)

This passage takes place right after Matthew's account of the birth of Jesus. We immediately learn that even in his infancy, Jesus was a threat to people in power. Upon learning of the Messiah baby's birth, King Herod engaged the Magi to find Jesus as he secretly plotted to kill him.

The good news is that God warns the Magi not to return to Herod, so his plans are thwarted and the Holy Family is safe. However, every baby boy age two and under in Bethlehem was killed as a result of Herod's rage. How can this be? It seems so unfair.

I often question God when I experience hard situations or see people hurting, asking, "Why does it have to be this way?" I think we have to be comfortable to come to God with our questions.

And thankfully, because Jesus did live, and then died for us, He knows what it's like to be human and feel pain and sorrow. Our Emmanuel, "God with us," can handle our sorrow and questions. And I think the truth is that there are some sorrows that will only be healed in heaven. But thanks be to God that He loves us and promises to be with us in all things, and comfort us even in mystery. Praise be to God, the Prince of Peace!

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