

Day 14: Another Exodus

Read

'The Egyptians urged the people to hurry and leave the country; they said, "We will all be dead if you don't leave.' Exodus 12.33 (GNB)

'After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go back to the land of Israel, because those who tried to kill the child are dead." So Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went back to Israel.' Matthew 2.19-21 [Read more...](#)

Reflect

In around 4 BC, Mary and Joseph experienced what people through history have: fleeing their country to avoid death. As they became refugees, they retraced the steps of their Jewish ancestors, making a home in Egypt and later returning to the Promised Land under the protection of God. This parallel does not go unnoticed for Matthew. He quotes the prophet Hosea and applies Israel's story to Jesus: 'Out of Egypt I called my son'. This is like a new Exodus, not only drawing yet another parallel between Jesus and the nation of Israel but also the sign of freedom. Today your challenge is to welcome others.

Challenge 1

Invite someone who might be lonely round for a meal

Challenge 2

Join the welcome team at your church

Challenge 3

Give £5 to provide Syrian refugees with Bibles and practical support