

A real Saviour for the real world. Matt. 2:13-23

The world we live in

Matthew 2:¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children, and she refused to be comforted, because they were no more

What God Ought to Do

Do Nothing

Put mattresses at the bottom of the cliff

Try the Rambo approach

Genesis 6:¹³ God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth."

Genesis 6:⁵ The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Genesis 8:²¹ And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.

Create Differently

What God has done

[e.g. 1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Romans 3:23-25, Revelation 5, Revelation 20:11-15, 1 Corinthians 15:20-24; John 12:31-33, Hebrews 2, Revelation 12]

But it seems so weak

Sympathy not enough

The cross and resurrection

A rich hope

Embracing what God has done [Colossians 2:3]