

– Matthew 23.34-39 –
1st Sunday of Advent 2015
Why the Son of God Appeared, Sermon 1
All the Righteous Blood Shed on Earth

Mat 23.34 Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, 35 that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. 36 Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation. 37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! 38 See! Your house is left to you desolate; 39 for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' "

* Why is this an appropriate advent text?

* Why is the Incarnation a scandal both then and now?

* What does Matthew call upon us to reassess?

* In what ways was Israel a priestly nation?

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* What usual feature does the opening genealogy of Matthew contain, and what do they teach us?

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* What does Matthew show us in ch 2 with the story of Herod, the Magi, and the infant boys of Bethlehem?

* What does Matthew show us in the response of the leaders to Jesus during his ministry?

* What is Matthew showing us in our text in Mat 23?

* How was Israel's murder of Jesus a representative sin?

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* How and why does God gather the sin of the world onto Israel?

* In the face of Christ, we must reassess what?

* Why must the story of why the Son of God came be told?

* What is proper response to the story of Israel, Jesus, and mankind?