

A Comforter for Rachel

The account of the death of the infants in Matthew 2 is one of the least considered texts that are associated with Advent. The text is brutal and jarring - and, in itself, seems to offer no constructive application to help us rejoice and have peace (Isaiah 55:11)

Jesus comes to a world in which sin has left us:

1. Helpless
 - a. Unable to protect ourselves
 - b. No earthly help
2. Oppressed
 - a. What does 'Ramah' signify?
 - b. Note the context of Jeremiah 31
 - c. Subject to the cruelty of others
3. Hopeless
 - a. Who is Rachel? Gen. 35:16-21
 - b. Our children are 'no more' Gen. 42:36

Application:

1. Do you refuse to be comforted?
2. Meditate on Psalm 56:8 and Rev. 21:4. Will you be comforted by the one who has kept all your tears and promises to wipe each one away?
3. Will you receive Christ?