



Some thoughts on the attacks

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“Everything happens for a reason.”

Joseph



“You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.”

Genesis 50:20

Job



“I have indeed spoken about things I didn't understand, wonders beyond my comprehension.’

...And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends. Then the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

...And the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than in the beginning.”

Job 42:3, 10, 12

John the Baptist



“Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

Luke 7:20

“Tragedies happen in this world because...”

“For the righteous may fall seven times, but get up,
but the wicked will stumble in evil.”

Proverbs 24:16

“Again I saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun. And behold, the tears of the oppressed, and they had no one to comfort them! On the side of the oppressors there was power, and there was no one to comfort them. And I thought the dead who are already dead more fortunate than the living who are still alive. But better than both is he who has not yet been and has not seen the evil deeds that are done under the sun.”

Ecclesiastes 4:1-3

“..But I, O Lord, cry to you;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.
O Lord, why do you cast my soul away?
Why do you hide your face from me?
Afflicted and close to death from my youth up,
I suffer your terrors; I am helpless.
Your wrath has swept over me;
your dreadful assaults destroy me.
They surround me like a flood all day long;
they close in on me together.
You have caused my beloved and my friend to
shun me;
my companions have become darkness.”

Psalms 88:13-18

“What is God doing about the evil in this world?”

“We will be merciless toward the barbarians of
[ISIS].”

—François Hollande, President of France

“Love your enemies.”

“Pray for those who persecute you.”

“Bless those who curse you.”

“Forgive them because they don’t know what
they’re doing.”

—Jesus of Nazareth

December 2015						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
		1 Tuesday of the First Week of Advent Weekday	2 Wednesday of the First Week of Advent Weekday	3 Frances Xavier, Priest Memorial	4 John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church Optional Memorial	5 Friday of the First Week of Advent Weekday
6 Second Sunday of Advent Sunday	7 Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church Memorial	8 Immaculate Conception Solemnity	9 Juan Diego Optional Memorial	10 Thursday of the Second Week of Advent Weekday	11 Damasus I, Pope Optional Memorial	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast
13 Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) Sunday	14 John of the Cross, Pope & Doctor Optional Memorial	15 Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent Weekday	16 Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent Weekday	17 Thursday of the Third Week of Advent Weekday	18 Friday of the Third Week of Advent Weekday	19 Saturday of the Third Week of Advent Weekday
20 Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday	21 Peter Canisius, Pope & Doctor of the Church Optional Memorial	22 Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent Weekday	23 John of Kanty, Priest Optional Memorial	24 Thursday of the Fourth Week of Advent Weekday	25 Christmas Solemnity	26 Stephen, Martyr Feast
27 Holy Family Feast	28 Holy Innocents, Martyrs Feast	29 Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr Optional Memorial	30 Sixth day in the Octave of Christmas Weekday	31 Sylvester I, Pope Optional Memorial		

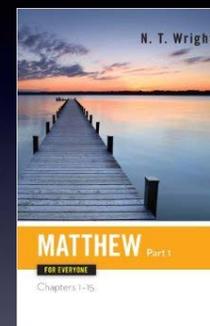
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Christmas
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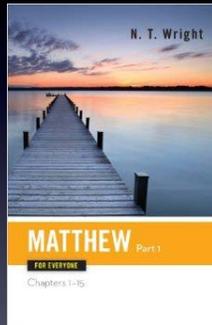
“Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the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

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

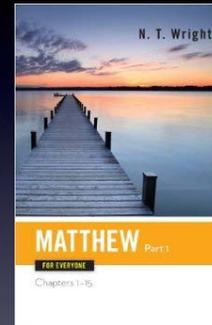
Matthew 2:16-18, quoting Jeremiah 31:15



“The gospel of Jesus the Messiah was born, then, in a land and at a time of trouble, tension, violence and fear. Banish all thoughts of peaceful Christmas scenes. Before the Prince of Peace had learned to walk and talk, he was a homeless refugee with a price on his head.



“At the same time, in this passage and several others Matthew insists that we see in Jesus, even when things are at their darkest, the fulfillment of scripture.



“This is how Israel’s redeemer was to appear; this is how God would set about liberating his people, and bring justice to the whole world. No point arriving in comfort, when the world is in misery; no point having an easy life when the world suffers violence and injustice! If he is to be Emmanuel, God with us, he must be with us where the pain is.”