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Paschal Mystery

(Core 3)

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Christopher McMahon has a great mental exercise to get students reflecting on the belief that the death of Jesus saves us from our sins. Below is the relevant passage from his book *Understanding Jesus: Christology from Emmaus to Today* (Anselm, 2013), p 148:

"Imagine the infant Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in Mary's arms in Bethlehem. Suddenly, a menacing silhouette appears in the doorway. One of Herod's soldiers has been sent to Bethlehem on orders from the king to destroy all children less than two years of age (Matthew 2:16-18). He seizes the child as his mother clutches the baby desperately in a futile attempt to stop the insanity, but the soldier prevails and takes the child out to the town center where he unceremoniously slaughters the baby along with the other children. Mary weeps and mourns as she commits the body to an appropriate burial place. In this imaginary scenario, would the death of the child Jesus still have religious significance, or would it simply be a horrific crime?"

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