What’s at stake: The wars and killings continue but we can imagine a different world because we have witnessed on earth those who possessed a vision of peace and justice. December 25 celebrates the birthday of the refugee founder of a compassionate, nonviolent Christianity.


(The Date Is Not the Issue)
Dan Jones, Kairos: Joseph, Mary, and Jesus Refugees
Refugees Joseph, Mary, and Jesus and Rescue of Refugees 2015

Opposing War: Four Articles about WWI 1914 Christmas Truce from *The War Crimes Times*

Dick, Celebrate Non-violent Heroes, Tear Down the Monuments to Wars and Warriors


(How December 25 Became Christmas - Biblical ...)


Andrew McGowan • 12/02/2015 ... Although Jesus’ birth is celebrated every year on December 25, Luke and the other gospel writers offer no hint about the ...

REFUGEE JESUS AND REFUGEES 2015

Kairos, Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice, works to strengthen and expand transformative movements for social change that can draw on the power of religions and human rights.

**Jesus the Refugee – Matthew 2:1-15**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

> “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had
heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Escape to Egypt

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, ‘Out of Egypt I have called my son.’

The Massacre of the Infants

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

‘A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.’

JESUS REFUGEE, Google Search, December 26, 2015

Blog: O'Malley: Jesus was a refugee

American Thinker - 1 day ago
Democratic presidential candidate Martin O'Malley invoked the name of Jesus as he decried the plan by the Obama administration to deport ...

What Jesus, Mary And Joseph Have In Common With Syrian Refugees

Huffington Post - 2 days ago

Jesus the Refugee — World Relief

refugeecrisis.worldrelief.org/jesus-the-refugee/
THE STORY. War, violence, death...a man and a woman had to make the decision to flee or to stay in the midst of danger. This decision was not only for...

**Jesus the Refugee - One Man's Web**

onemansweb.org › Politics and Ethics › Australia and the Refugees

By this definition Jesus was a refugee. There is no question of this, despite the fact that some Christians are clearly embarrassed by the fact. Mary, Joseph and ...

**Jesus was a Refugee | Mike Slaughter**

mikeslaughter.com/blog/jesus-was-a-refugee

Jesus was a Refugee. When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to ...

**O'Malley: Jesus was a refugee | TheHill**

thehill.com/blogs/ballot.../264207-omalley-jesus-was-a-refugee

The Hill

3 days ago - “A Christmas Refugee Roundup sounds like something [Donald Trump] would concoct,” O’Malley tweeted Thursday. “Remember: Jesus was a ...

**What the Bible Says About How to Treat Refugees ...**

www.relevantmagazine.com/.../what-bible-says-about-how-treat...

Relevant

12 verses about loving immigrants, refugees and displaced people. ... In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was ...

**Franklin Graham: 'Jesus Was a Refugee' - Breitbart**

www.breitbart.com/big.../franklin-graham-jesus-was-a-refugee/

Breitbart

Sep 10, 2015 - Franklin Graham writes the “Lord Jesus Christ sympathizes with these refugees--have you ever thought about the fact that He was a refugee?”

**JESUS: REFUGEE or KING? - ANU Press**

press.anu.edu.au/calvin/mobile.../ch28.htm...

Australian National University

At Christmas time we sing again and again that Jesus is king, but isn't the ... And so Mary, Joseph and Jesus had to flee to Egypt and become refugees in a ..
WWI 1914 Christmas Truce: 4 Articles in *The War Crimes Times* (Fall 2014) published by Veterans for Peace.

This number of TWCC discusses “the Christmas Truce of 1914, the Peace Movement’s past and possible future, humanity in warriors, uselessness of war,” and at the end reproduces Watterson’s “Calvin and Hobbes” cartoon, “How come we play war and not peace?”

War Is Over If You Want It,“ Message from John and Yoko—ImaginePeace.com


Simon Rees, “The Christmas Truce,” the context of WWI and Story of the Truce (from FirstWorldWar.com)

David Swanson (WorldBeyondWar.com), “First Hand Accounts from Soldiers Who Were There”

A Reminder of Peacemakers

We may know some nonviolence history, of Thoreau, Gandhi, King, of Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama, but let’s not forget or let’s learn about Anderson Sa, the Brazilian musician who teaches young people alternatives to violence, Bruno Hussar, promoter of interfaith harmony in his “Oasis of Peace” village, and Riane Eisler, who taught the partnership over the dominator model in human affairs, as explained in her book *The Chalice and the Blade*. Monuments to wars and warriors are plentiful and increasing (now a new one in Washington, D.C., planned for WWI), but how many statues are there of Thich Nhat Hanh, Colman McCarthy, Oscar Arias, Henry Salt, Albert Schweitzer, Astrid Lindgren, Jane Goodall, and on and on.

US military men and women are lauded for their “service.” Let us concentrate on service to humanity without violence in preventing violence and wars (and now warming) and build celebrations to them. Read Michael True’s two volumes of 60 US peacemakers, *Justice Seekers, Justice Makers* (1985) and *To Construct Peace: 30 More Justice Seekers, Peace Makers* (1992), both international in scope but mainly about stellar US peacemakers—Dorothy Day, Joan Baez, Jim Corbett, Penny Lernoux, Maura Clarke, Noam Chomsky, Dolores Huerta, Denise Levertov, and more. So peacemakers here’s our niche. We can match and then hopefully replace the self-aggrandizing National Security State monuments with nonviolent peace celebrations, another kind of SERVICE-- at our events, our work, our homes, and not only on December 25. Dick
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Gandhi was quoted as saying: “The only people on earth who do not see Christ and his teachings as nonviolent are Christians.”

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