

Terrible assault on Christs people on Easter Sunday.

Jude Simeon, known to some of you is a Sri Lankan who now works with Barnabas Fund from the Sydney office, and reports they will help pay funeral costs. He sent me this text the morning after the murders of Christians on his home soil "In Batti Zion church two of our friends have lost their children. One boy, 8 years suffered shrapnel through his mouth and head. Another 8 year old boy



born in the same month as my son. Another of our friends is now in the mortuary, he is inconsolable. The bomber came into the church where the children were standing around (happily) eating buns. The pastors wife noticed the man looking suspicious. She sent an assistant to speak to him. As the assistant held

out his hand to greet him the man detonated his bomb." (photo sent by Jude. Many of the attacked were young children.)

Who did this ? A probe shows the Sri Lanka terror attacks were 'retaliation for Christchurch', says the country's defence minister. The ultimate answer to this question is given by Jesus and recorded for every generation and us in John 17.14 and in Revelation chapter 12 . A [detailed report](#) from Barnabas reveals that this was a direct focussed attack on Christians by Islamists. "This blessed invasion resulted in the deaths of about 350 Christians and injured 650 others, including citizens of the Crusader alliance countries . ." This report also reveals the failure of Jacinta Adern and other leaders to name Christians as the target. We believers in SA should take up our identification with our family in SriLanka.

How are we with the sufferers? Some have said our leaders ought to say 'today we are all Christians, just as similar comments were made after NZ. Notwithstanding that let **all of our churches**, up our devotion of prayer and support of the persecuted church. We must in the face of suffering loosen our hold on the passing things of this life . We live in [both](#) the glory of resurrection victory and all its promise together with the sufferings of our Lord with all its presence! The Apostle examples this, "that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, (Phil. 3:10 RSV)" We need to understand that we too in this land which enjoys the fruits of the Gospel in abundance and freedom have our real life not in the passing benefits of Christianity but in our Benefactor who lives forever. This world is not our home. May our young people returning from Easter camps be set on this path of grace in courageous obedience .