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Papal Book: Jesus of Nazareth

Rich countries, bent on power and profit, have mercilessly "plundered and sacked" Africa and other poor regions and exported to them the "cynicism of a world without God," Pope Benedict writes in his first book entitled "Jesus of Nazareth."

Referring to the parable of the Good Samaritan, His Eminence states, "The current relevance of the parable is obvious. If we apply it to the dimensions of global society today, we see how the populations of Africa (and other regions) have been plundered and sacked and this concerns us intimately."

"We see how our lifestyle, the history that involved us, has stripped them naked and continues to strip them naked."

"Instead of giving them God, the God close to us in Christ, and welcoming in their traditions all that is precious and great ... we have brought them the cynicism of a world without God, where only power and profit count..." "We destroyed (their) moral criteria to the point that corruption and a lust for power devoid of scruples have become obvious."

Jesus of Nazareth became available April 16th on the Pope's 80th birthday.

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