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Why have the events of "Good" Friday so often resulted in acts of violence and hatred? Samuel Sandmel wrote: "The pograms in Eastern Europe from which my parents fled began with the ringing of church bells. I remember as an American boy how my mother used to shiver whenever the bells rang in the church near our home." In a chilling way, Sandmel has highlighted the "Jewish Concerns" about Good Friday.

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