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poignant blog for the *Huffington Post* called “When a School Lets everyone Down,” and another wrote a public letter to the \_\_\_\_\_

a number of scholars have begun to remind us that the otherizing of Jews in the immediate period after the New Testament has laid the ground, not only for supercessionism but for racism. George Fredrickson begins his *Racism: A Short History* in this way, and Jay Cameron Carter talks about it too. Christianity in its own formation has taken the lead in this. In that way, we've become accustomed to

want the victim to be completely pure, and the perpetrator or the accused to be completely evil. It's just never that simple. But that's why, in a real way, both justice and mercy are at stake in whatever we do, in terms of Christian action for social change. We need to be able to have some pity and mercy toward people who