

Would it interest you to be born again?

The Gospel lesson is part of a conversation recorded between Jesus and a man called Nicodemus.
- Nicodemus was a Pharisee.

leading citizen uprightness - knowledge of Scripture.

→ He is the one who is described as coming at night
speaking with a gracious bit of conservatism →

- we know you must be a teacher come from Galilee

~~for then~~ unless one is born again he he cannot
see the Kingdom of God.

→ Described as puzzled - How can a man be
born again - when he is old - ?

enter your mind in →

→ Born of Spirit - puzzled again - How
can these things be?

There was a turn in my life when I was
ready to believe that Nicodemus was filled
with wishfulness in his puzzlement - not
resistance.

you mean to say - an old man
can start all over again?

How can this be?

would it interest you to be born again?

the words for the same thing in Paul

made alive

New kind of Being - instead of the kind of living
which you are interested in

worn out &
rattled -

Compelled to the same disastrous stuff
Fearful of all the real stuff

live in a world where we're

Born't so many times.

Tried so many times.

Withdrawn from risk so many times.

What better news can there be but that.

it is possible for you to be born again !!!

What is getting in the way of that?

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Some pretty deep conviction that there is no remedy.

- Born again. make alive - just for some.

just for those who had earned it.

just for those worthy of it.

God only blesses those who please him.

Word about being born again - post that banner.

- get people only blesses those who please him

- get around, persecuted, exploded.

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light comes - but we prefer darkness

- born again - risky

~~painful~~

- reached to yourself etc you are

- prefer having it to that →

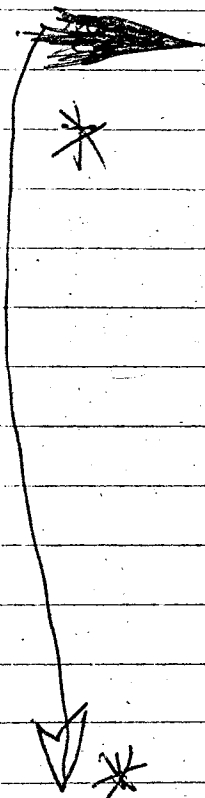
painful

God so loves us.

Realized they to reveal an

During Lent the Church enters with her
heart deeper and deeper into the shadows of human
sin and sorrow, that she may know the
fellowship of his suffering.

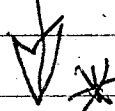
To be born again as love is to be led deeper
& deeper into the shadows of the sin & sorrow of the
world. There become ours with this gift of
being made alive with Christ.

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• Made ~~afterwards~~ claims in our lives about
being born again — it turned out they
were unavailing — the old self stood
alive & took over.

— Get deeper into the N.T. — that is to
be expected — some fruit first, given
which we will wait for ~~adoption~~.

— Made alive again & again.

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Others have made claims — it didn't
appear to us that they were so great.

→ anyone who says "I have been
born again" — ~~that's~~ "Be like Me"
~~and~~ hear the message — by grace you have been
saved — and this is not your own doing, it
is the gift of God.

Always a mystery.

Always a dimension of not yet to the already.

Always a matter of letting a gift be given.

Always a matter of another.

— We have been given to each other.

to mediate. Spirit of which we

— are born again.

Especially: to those who think the answer is
not for them.

Stone at their long journey there is no reward

and therefore cursed — incapable of doing God.

Left out gifts of abundant life were given about

Wash for

Forgiveness it is a mystery.

Each of us is given to the other for.

— Hold out constant love.

You can be born again.

Do I need Evangelizing?

Genesis - 32: - 24-32

During Lent we are going to have a series of Evangelistic Sermons
 planning this series. Thought - thought about - what I want to
 name such a series

In what way. Evangelistic sermons different. - consider I find
 an answer.

all sermons - Christian Evangelical.

a series of

sermons Evangelistic sermons for the purpose
 of reaching the church to the
 purpose of all preaching!

~~Evangelistic~~: - Evangelistic: -

Proclaim

only God's love in Gospel

Converting people

Message of God's love upon

that emotional about their
 religion

Quite contrary to the historic Faith.

Purpose of all preaching - minister a saving Faith.

Proclaim Love ~~and~~ work - creates new being

Proclaim word of God in Power of Spirit } comes down from
 Power of Spirit } to convince, convert.
 convert.

Word whose purpose is ~~to~~ - again - intellectual & personal
 response of Faith

create believers - you -

just you - and born again: -

become a new being.

show a 2 connections I have

① Evangelistic sermons fall on deaf ears why -
 misunderstood! -

- some cannot hear -

convert by act to X
 accept X as personal source
 believe in love Jesus X to be saved

what's
 that?

② How & why - about a saving Faith.

Deaf ears why - in 20th century America - esp. suburban.

③ people don't feel the need of a savior - no crises.

never feeling the need ... see the personal crises they do have - as how
 they to do with religion.

To these two questions that the preacher is directed this morning.

Both stem from the same situation.

don't understand what the religious dimension is

565 Magnificent Myth of Jacob's wrestle with the angel:-
 Classic analogy of what religious dimension is.

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When I say - Beleaguer

Christians is a wrestling in the dark - ~~do you~~
 sound familiar? - about you - talks about
 reason what I am lacking about.

Christians is a ~~struggle~~ ^{battle} in the dark, vulnerable, under attack, threatened.
 struggles in the dark with an unnamed, unknown
 adversary.

Significant Religious question ~~is~~ ^{is} - what is his name?
 with whom do we wrestle?

Significant Religious question - Jacob's question What is thy Name?

Start to see - ^{abstract quality} Life is ^{crisis} crisis - ^{crisis} greater
 Fundamental to all crises } # Paradox of X in Gospel
 what is the name - ^{it} ^{with whom we wrestle} it - can mean something
 To that crisis - it is spoken.
 To that crisis - Brings Good news.

Don't think.

X Christians is a struggle with unnamed adversary -
 I'll let thy wall do - Believe the way thy do.

1) Restlessness

down down down -
 down to down -
 do to do -
 then emptiness :- stop.
 in existence :- what is name
 seek to know name under any one venture

2) words comparisons

can't have job - no one else can do it :- can't one believe can't one can't one
 else could do it. } can't one
 set his existence.

3) states seeking

can't stop at one precedent -
 odes - cadence. } states - mark - want to avoid.
 set him on map.

4) Hostilities

guilt -
 Hostility - mean we from threat of guilt?
 - set us existence before threat

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Remembers a servant of - like not before - dark - perplex
Belief - what is his
all meant - name
vulnerable it all is - exposed.

X. Crisis when we do recognize them :-

Employer - impossible to live with - if only ...
 with a crisis - that state } states can't
 be turned

Failure
 parents
 parents rejected

Born won't solve :- can't solve
 Marked the can't solve
 Trogas - enforced
 Guilt - can't make ourselves for. } unwells in dark
Darkness on existence
Name of Name
with relating
is mystery
Really asking

Who Cook is

not allow gravel

where ω exist.

where are most

where we have any economy
on the part of the
... (see next!) ...

Stinger and Destructo existency :-

Jaeb's Insight:

God:- newf a ~~struggle with God~~
newf of God.

respects them who establish our existence,
in whom our existence is safe.
Beyond destruction.

~~steps to know name~~
What is thy name?

Good news?
Gory news?!

That weeps in the Dark :-

Good news is a person. His name is Love.
Love that Love carries.

every of every day brother love:-

That is whom you mean with in the law:-

Depart not from me until thou be blessed.

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ for each 1 is.

2. ~~Causes~~ for what it is

Encounter with Sovereign Love of
God

Seeking to Enriched your Country.
Becoming your God.

Can you believe it?

Here is the Gospel -

you can only deny it in perverse rebellion
against the ~~fact~~ ~~of~~ ~~his~~ ~~himself~~ ~~to~~ ~~create~~.
~~you believe~~ ~~the~~ who empowers you
to believe it.

children - what is Evangelism? -

(558) Good News: -

Evangelistic Sermon - ^{Present} Good news → be happy: -

God Loves you: -
your helper: -

Wonderful to - you have to know → God is your helper: -

Go wrong with you!
Troubles you ~~have~~ - not the ones we think you have - - - ^{misunderstood} ~~know~~
like gets all wrong - - -

if only - { no school
no bad boys
no S.S.
at school it has to sit here from } ⁱⁿ
mess T.V. programs

all these things wouldn't bother us.
Now - God was our helper - Loved us.

Christian people are for →

ANNOUNCE Flower.

Betty + Tommy Morimoto.

Doyle. Judith Albem.
