

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Year B, Sunday, March 10, 2024

Saint John's Episcopal Church

Lessons

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

Children of the Light

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“God loves so much the

In the name of the Holy and undivided Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A. Reading the Gospel of John could be dangerous.

- Why? Because this gospel was born in a community that debates forever who Jesus is. The debate escalated to the level that divided the people between the Children of the Light and the Children of Darkness.
- Two things happen in the gospel of John.
 1. Jesus never answers questions properly. He does not know how to answer yes or no questions.
 2. Moreover, when he does it. His answers will make you upset, and, or, it will make you take a position.
 3. That position will decide your last destiny, regardless of who you are. Do you believe it or not? The decision to believe or not is for now.
 4. That happens in today Gospel. But we need to understand the full story of Chapter 3.

B. The beginning of the story:

- Nicodemus: The perfect Human and religious person.
- Jesus asked Nicodemus that to get into His Kingdom, he has to be born again.
- Nicodemus made the mistake of asking Jesus How this could be possible.
- Jesus, answered him, and his answer have two part

1. To be children of light, you must be lifted up. You should be born from the Cross. You should be born from ABOVE. That is what the cross means.
2. But more importantly (and this is the scariest part of Jesus's speech), that this movement to be born from Above is and reflects the insane love of God for us in his beloved Son. To be a child of the light you should be born from above to understand God's love.
3. There is no other way.

C. That is why we have Lent. Lent is the time when we reflect on the;

- Understanding of God's love for us.
- In addition, the need that we must be born again in Christ. But to be born again requires to be lifted up. (We need to pass to the process of Passover). To have life, we must die first. To be lifted, you must die.

Our sin and, eventually, our process of repentance should be about our lack of understanding of our only love for God and our failure to be lifted up.

D. Altar.

- This altar is the reflection of God's love, in the action of his being lifted up.
- Participating of this altar is taking us to be lifted up.