

Addendum Mar 22 4<sup>th</sup> Lent

Last week Kevin wrote from Washington State: *Just wanted to thank you for these explanations. I have enjoyed learning more. Especially now that masses have been cancelled here in Seattle because of coronavirus, this is helping me with my “Sunday” enrichment.*

Mike, in HS, wrote: your emails never cease to make my day!

The key word this week is **LIGHT**. Light to SEE. We see best in the **LIGHT**, not in darkness. Samuel saw more than **a youngest boy** was the one chosen, because with the Lord’s grace he could see ‘not as man sees’.

XT himself is the **Light** of the World, telling us to WAKE UP! It’s Lent! So we **SEE**.

Even for someone ‘blind from birth’—aren’t all of us blind at first? Even someone ‘blind from birth’ can be RE-formed LIKE **ADAM** from **CLAY** and be made able to see. A new “**adam**”. [Hebrew **adam** = man/ **adama** = **clay/dirt**, like Ash Wed’s **dust**. A play on words.]

In short “Adam” means “the Man”. He did not sign his name **ADAM** on the Garden of Paradise Hotel Registry when he and EVE checked in for their honeymoon.

This nameless blind man, like the nameless Samaritan woman, responds to Jesus—even before he really understands what it all means, doesn’t he? Don’t we have to respond before we understand it all?

There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> idea: *God chooses the LEAST LIKELY.*

David was the **Least Likely** to be chosen by God. The YOUNGEST in an insignificant family from a small town, Bethlehem.

Paul who persecuted the Church—viciously! who ended up **DYING** for the One he had persecuted. Chosen too, [Nancy and I were in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls—his burial place.] A **BLIND beggar**. Chosen to tell the Learned, the Important, Pharisees to look and see the signs before them, to see the Messiah standing before them!

And you. One of the least likely, but still chosen—for something! What?