

The Word became flesh  
Part 3

More of the playfulness of  
Jesus  
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What have you seen something in \_\_\_\_\_ that made you laugh?

Perhaps you did not make the connection – that you were \_\_\_\_\_ to laugh. That is was God who made you laugh. That he laughed with you. That God arranged for this event to unfold for no other purpose but to share a share with you?

Three weird stories from the Bible

1. Great \_\_\_\_\_ with a newborn

*Telling the Truth: The Gospel as Tragedy, Comedy, and Fairy Tale*, Frederick Buechner.

“Sarah said, “God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me.” Gen 21:6

It was God that gave you a \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think that Jesus came to \_\_\_\_\_?

2. Taxes, a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_

“After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma temple tax came to Peter and asked, “Doesn’t your teacher pay the temple tax?” Yes, he does,” he replied.

When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. “What do you think, Simon? he asked. From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes—from their own children or from others? From others, Peter answered.

Then the children are exempt, Jesus said to him. But so that we may not cause offense, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours.”  
Matthew 17:24-27

3. First \_\_\_\_\_

“The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.” Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit. How do you know me? Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you. Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.

Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.” John 1:43-50