

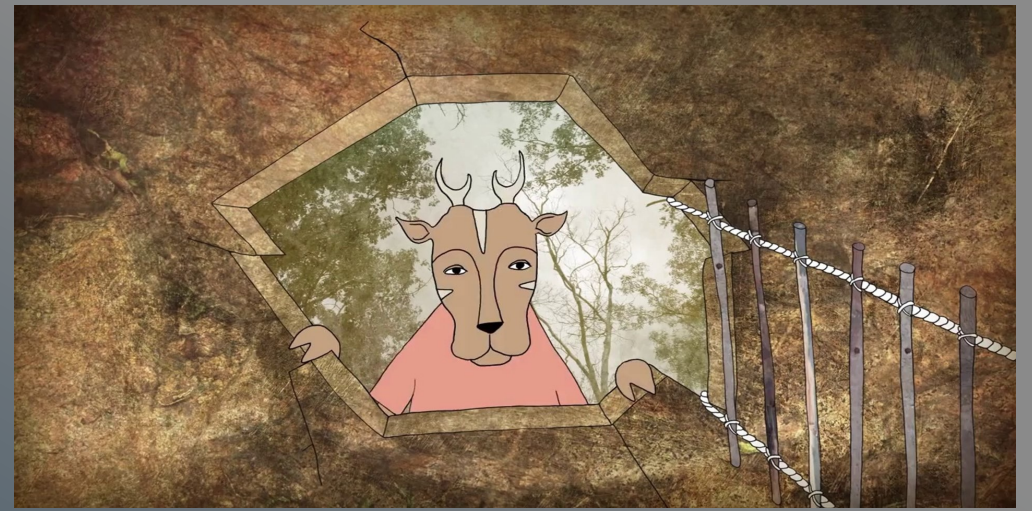
There was a man from the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to him at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could perform these signs you do unless God were with him."



Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, unless someone is born again,, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”



“Are you okay?”



“Rarely can a response make something better, what makes something better is a connection.”

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Rarely is a connection alone, going to make things better in the long run. The gospel can.



“How can anyone be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked him. “Can he enter his mother’s womb a second time and be born?”



“Truly I tell you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.



*For I will pour water on the thirsty land
and streams on the dry ground. I will pour
out my Spirit on your descendants and my
blessing on your offspring.*

Isaiah 44:3



*Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and
whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do
not be amazed that I told you that you
must be born again.*



The wind blows where it pleases, and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. So, it is with everyone born of the Spirit."



“How can these things be?” asked Nicodemus. “Are you a teacher of Israel and don’t know these things?” Jesus replied.



"These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life."

John 5

“Truly I tell you; we speak what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but you do not accept our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you don’t believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?”

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven—the Son of Man., “Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.



"He broke into pieces the bronze snake that Moses made, for until then the Israelites were burning incense to it."

2 Kings 18

For God so loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Anyone who believes in him is not condemned, but anyone who does not believe is already condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God.



*The Mission of God is grounded in
the Love of God*



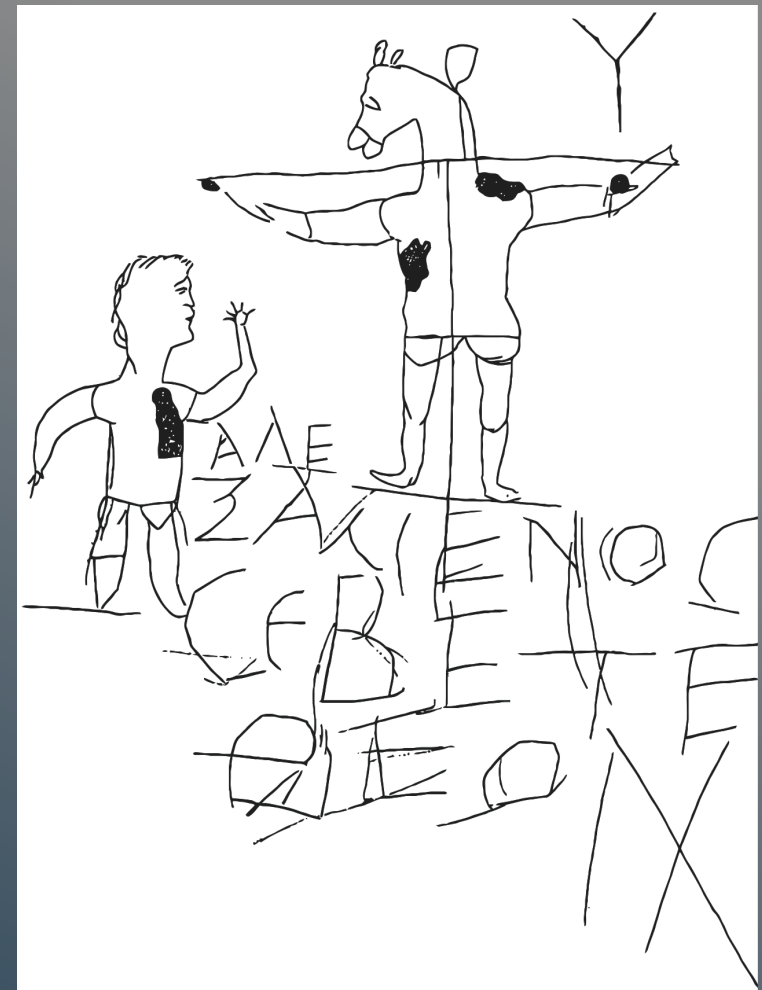
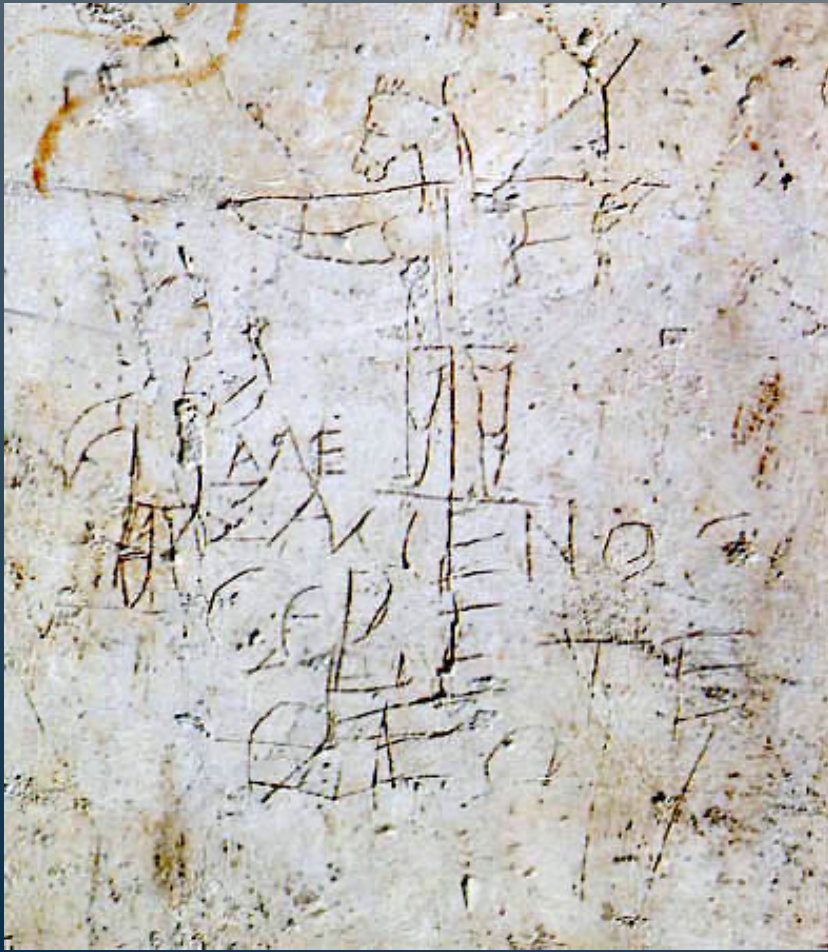
"Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? declares the Sovereign Lord. Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their ways and live?"

Ezek. 18:23

This is the judgment: The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the light and avoids it, so that his deeds may not be exposed.



“But anyone who lives by the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be shown to be accomplished by God.”



"Alexmenos worships his god."



“Is it true?”

“Will I be faithful?”