

Tuesday digest

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New today from the *Century*:

- Mary Anderson's [lectionary column](#) for Sunday, October 9: "If you wrestle with this Matthean parable through the night, it'll leave you limping by morning. Martin Luther didn't like preaching on it, and worshipers in early October won't be in the mood for its judgment."
(subscription required)
- Tony Robinson reviews three books on [dementia and caregiving](#): "My father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's at age 80. Had I read these new books, I might have been more helpful to him in that difficult moment." (subscription required)
- David Heim asks [whether Constantinianism is all bad](#): "Don't Christians want people in power to embrace Christianity and Christian values? Is it a bad thing if they do? Is it impossible or meaningless for them to try?"
- I link to [Justice Scalia's bizarre JFK moment](#)

In the news:

- [Update: Church/jail sentencing program under review](#)
- [Synagogues adjust ticket policies for High Holy Days](#)
- [Christians outraged as BBC drops B.C./A.D. dating method](#)
- [Dead Sea Scrolls now available online](#)

- [TV's favorite serial killer finds religion](#)

Links from elsewhere:

- "[Why stay-at-home dads are going to hell](#)"
- If I lived steps from the ocean and had nothing but time on my food-geek hands, I still wouldn't [make my own salt](#).