Lazarus

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Fishers of men

Because you found me somewhere in-between, Because you realized the truth of that, You pulled me up. The not-seen was now seen—

Like something that's half-buried, serpentine, A vine the wind has covered, dust unset— Because you found me. Somewhere in-between,

The insects covered me in celebration, And God began to pull, from where He sat. You pulled me too. The not-seen was now seen:

The end-result a case of God-confusion.

Because who else could do a thing like that?

Because you found me somewhere in-between,

God stepped aside, for you, and it was done. And so the grave-clothes, and your welcome mat. Pull me up. The not-seen was now seen.

Who would have thought? The son in imitation: And I come stumbling out into the sunlight. Because you found me somewhere in-between, You pulled me up, like roots, as was foreseen.