**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

March 11th 2018

One verse of the Gospel we hear today has to be one of the most well-known Bible passages.

‘For God so loved the world that He sent His only Son, that whoever believes in Him may not perish but have eternal life.’ (John 3:16)

If you’ve ever travelled to the USA you’ll have seen it written everywhere, it’s on soda cups, shopping bags, billboards, being held up at football games. Many people are drawn to this passage and want to share its message of salvation with the world.

One of these people is Tom Tebow, back in 2009 he was a university student, playing American football for his university team and made it to the championship final, in the US these games are very popular and get millions of viewers worldwide. Tebow had been praying with the John 3:16 passage before the game and felt God calling him to share it with the world; but he didn’t just post it on Facebook or have it printed on his shirt, Tebow wrote it on his face, he played the game with the words ‘John 3:16’ under his eyes.

After the game there had been 94 million Google searches for ‘John 3:16’! That’s 94 million people who were presented with the Gospel message because of one man’s courage to share the Gospel. Tebow said in an interview years later “The God that we serve is a God of miracles,” he said. “I just have to be willing to step out and say, ‘Here you go, God, I’m going to give you my fish and my loaves of bread and watch what he does with it.”

Today I’m inspired by Tebow’s story. I’m praying that this Lent God will continue to help us step out in faith and share His Good News with the world.

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