

Daily Reflections

The Divine Intervention

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Scripture

Matthew 14:22-36

Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side of the sea, while he dismissed the crowds.

After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray.

When it was evening he was there alone.

Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it.

During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them, walking on the sea.

When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified.

"It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear.

At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter said to him in reply,

"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

He said, "Come."

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.

But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

After they got into the boat, the wind died down.

Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying,
"Truly, you are the Son of God."

After making the crossing, they came to land at Gennesaret.
When the men of that place recognized him,
they sent word to all the surrounding country.
People brought to him all those who were sick
and begged him that they might touch only the tassel on his cloak,
and as many as touched it were healed.

Our Scripture Reflection

How many miracles would The Lord have to perform before the disciples would truly believe and have faith??? Something deeper would have to happen within each of them and that would occur on Easter.

Food for your Journey

The musicians at the nightclub were complaining about an old piano. The keys would often stick and the sound was truly hideous. After months of listening to the grumbling and whining the nightclub owner finally decided to do something about it ... he sent the piano out to be painted.

Painted? Painted? What good would that do? Yet as Christians we often settle for a paint job when we need a full tune-up. It's easy to play Christian without actually acting like one. We seek comfort, instead of a challenge. You want rest, not responsibility. I all too readily accept complacency and surrender my passion for God. We look for a paint-brush rather than a toolbox.

—Larry Davies, "Pianos, rats and born again," Sowing Seeds of Faith Web Site, January 23, 2005, sowingseedsofffaith.com.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Please strip away all of my doubts and fill me up with Your Grace so that I may trust You in all things. Amen.