

Jesus in the storm used

One can imagine that with all the crowds and miracles life for the apostles was quite hectic. They first will have been challenged with being close to Jesus and the destabilising effect this would have upon the emotions and understanding of the world.

Then the demands of those who wanted to get close to him. There would have been the danger, the beggars, the constant moving and lack of comfortable shelter. All in all as the apostles got into the fishing boat they would have been emotionally and physically exhausted.

To cap it all in this brief period of rest and peace it began to blow a gale and they burst into panic.

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One can imagine that with all the packing and cleaning in preparation for the holiday time was of a premium. Then all the final details and contacts had to be cleared up at work. She was going for this break because she was tired, and this fatigue meant that each task seemed twice as difficult and took twice as long to do.

Then there were the problems she had had with that stupid bank and the foreign exchange. The fact that her adolescent daughter insisted that she took her full wardrobe, and the nagging memory that she was terrified of flying.

To cap all this an hour before the taxi was due to arrive her son announced he was not sure where his passport was.

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A priest going on holiday seems such a good idea. Yet there was the need to arrange for someone to celebrate the weekend masses when he was away. The security of the church and the contacts for funeral directors had to be sorted out.

Jobs that had been left to the side had to be cleared up, and people left with keys given areas of responsibility.

Bags needed packing.

Final sermons writing

Desks clearing

Then to cap it all the day before he is due to leave he is informed that one of the priests due to cover for him is sick.

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And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Quiet now! Be calm” And the wind dropped and all was calm again. Then he said to them “Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?”

Even if the worst happens then there is hope.

Even if disaster strikes then we will deal with it.

However more often than not all we need do is turn to Our Lord who may seem to be sleeping and calm down.