

Reading: Mark Chapter 4 verses 35-41

It was evening and Jesus must have been tired at the end of a busy day which he had spent teaching the people by parables. He wanted to be alone, so to withdraw from the crowds, he decided to pass over to the otherside of the lake with his disciples.

When they had sent away his listeners, the disciples took Jesus as he was in the ship, and there were also with him other little ships carrying those who wanted to hear more from Jesus.

While they were crossing the lake Jesus fell asleep in the back of the ship while the disciples busied themselves with the oars. A storm gathered on the lake. The sky grew darker, the wind louder and stronger the waves swirling and rushing; the little boat hewing and swaying; spray tossing into the boat; the cold wind whistling round the anxious disciples; the heavy rain, the noise; the lake of shelter. The danger was real. "The waves beat into the ship so that it was now full." It must have been terrifying even for the disciples who had spent so much of their lives on the lake and were familiar with violent storms; so they were very frightened.

The disciples woke up Jesus and said "Master, carest thou not that we perish?" Jesus stayed very calm and arose and calmed the violent waves and wind and storm by saying "Peace be still."

Jesus said to his disciples "why have you been so frightened?" "How is it that ye have no faith?"

Jesus expects all his friends to trust him, knowing that he will look after them.

Point to remember:- The Son of God has power over all things.