

Reflection Tuesday Week 13 – 2020

“Even the winds and seas obey him”, they said. Despite the raging storm and the boat being blown this way and that, Jesus was able to sleep peacefully through it all. He surely had a peaceful conscience. It wasn’t as if Jesus intended to show his power over the elements, he used his power in response to the fear he saw in the eyes of his disciples. A response of compassion and love and yet still able to challenge their faith and trust in him. Despite some of his followers being fishermen, it did not mean they could swim and Jesus would have known this. His response seemed almost spontaneous. This gospel instils in its readers great admiration for Jesus. It helps affirm that we have made the right choice in Jesus who will respond spontaneously when we cry out to him for help. We just take a little bit longer to see it. It is reassuring to know that when we face storms, when everything is out of control and catastrophe threatens, Jesus is there for us, too. A poem by *Lenora McWhorter*

Broken pieces

*If you are broken by life's trials
and weary from life's defeats.
If you've been badly battered
and have no joy or peace.
Give God your broken pieces
and He'll mould them into place.
He can make them better than before
with a touch of His sweet grace.
If your dreams have all been shattered
after much struggle and pain.
Even if your life seems hopeless
God can put you together again.
God can take the broken pieces
knowing what you were before.
It matters not how badly broken
God has the power to restore.
So we're never without hope
no matter the shape we're in.
God can take our fragmented lives
and put them together again.
So if you're broken beyond measure
and you don't know what to do.
God specializes in broken things
so His glory can shine through.*

End Note

A dog goes into a bar and orders a martini. The bartender says, "You don't see a dog in here drinking a martini very often." The dog says, "At these prices, I'm not surprised."