

Reflection Tuesday Week 18 – 2021

When we hear folk tales and fairy stories, we search for a wisdom that will help us. When we hear the stories of Jesus, we look for understanding and explanations and there are many who will do that for you. It is possible, however to look for wisdom in a story without having read what others have said about it, however erudite they may be. The Gospel applies to us today not what someone thought about it in days or years gone by. One way of looking at the story of Jesus walking on the water is to identify it with life. There are times when life is full of storms and the way ahead is tough and we feel ourselves being overwhelmed. In these moments, Jesus comes to us walking over the troubles as though they do not exist and we reach out to him to save us from being crushed by them. Even if we hesitate and feel we cannot make it, Jesus reaches out and lifts us up. The more we look at life the more we will see that this has happened many times. Jesus is always there for us whatever the difficulties we face.

One day a small boy stopped to watch a butterfly trying to emerge from its cocoon. It seemed to take forever. The butterfly was trying very hard but did not appear to have enough strength to break free. So, the boy decided to help. He took a penknife and cut the cocoon setting the butterfly free. However, its body was weak and feeble and its wings were barely moving. The boy continued to watch hoping the wings would spread and the butterfly would fly away. It never happened. The boy failed to realize that the effort needed to break free from the cocoon was necessary for the butterfly to build up its strength to fly. It is often the challenges we face in life that make us stronger. Jesus just gives us a nudge so we keep on struggling.

How do caterpillars swim? `They do the butterfly.

Butterflies... They aren't what they used to be.

Why couldn't the Butterfly come to the dance?

Because it was a Moth Ball!!