

Reflection Friday 7th January after the Epiphany 2022

Jesus left the Jordan and went to Galilee when John the Baptist was arrested. In his day Galilee was known for political unrest, banditry, and tax revolts. Called the Galilee of the nations, the region was known for being a hotbed of political activity, some of which was violent. It was the place many wished to avoid but it was here that Jesus chose to begin his ministry. What is encouraging is that Jesus received a positive response, not just because of his miracles but because he showed the people, rejected by the religious leaders, were treated with dignity and respect. He told them that they were loved by God as much as anyone else.

THE SEA OF GALILEE

I think if I chose to see a sea,
it would most assuredly be
the beautiful Sea of Galilee.

For there, God's message flows true enough,
a gentle blessing and stern rebuff
for the Southern lake of salty stuff.

It was from the Sea of Galilee
that Jesus chose disciples to be,
where he calmed a tumultuous sea.

Jesus fed multitudes from that sea
and there, his preaching set all people free.
It's a giving place, that blessed Sea.

The salt Dead Sea, is the lesson learned;
a place of death, which today is spurned
where Sodom and Gomorrah once burned.

For five giving rivers flow therein,
yet, not a one will be found again
since the Dead Sea keeps all that comes in.

O' Wretched sea, unlike northern kin,
keeping all blessings which flow within
yet, never once, given back again.

To live the life Jesus wants of me,
I will learn to give, like Galilee,
instead of keeping, like the salted Sea!

Scientists have been studying the effect of cannabis on sea birds. They've left no tern
unstoned

A man who lived by the sea grew a cucumber so large he was able to make it into his house.
One day a bad storm flooded the area with seawater and damaged his home.

Now he's in a pickle!!