

Reflection Tuesday week 18 – 2022

Prophets like Jeremiah spoke very forcefully to the leaders of the People about their injustices, their abuse of power and their infidelity to God. As a result, God abandoned them. They then entered a world over which they had little control and was very hostile to them. It was just like the apostles in the boat caught in a storm over which they had no control and threatened their very existence. The prophets then told the leaders that if they returned to God, acknowledged their sins, accept their punishment, their lives would not only be redeemed but be even better than before their infidelity.

Jesus comes to the apostles across the raging waters, he came to help and save them. This story gives an insight into why the Father sent his son Jesus into the world to save us from the turmoil and storms of life mostly of our own making. Jesus not only set us free but inspired us to want to make a better world.

The fear of the disciples showed among other things, that they could not quite believe what was happening, exhibiting the frailness of human nature. This frailness, fear and disbelief has hampered humankind since the time Jesus ascended to heaven and returned to his father. It opens the door to all the calamities and storms we experience in life today, especially the destruction we have inflicted on creation and in the continuing wars in the world, especially in Ukraine. More than ever, we need Jesus to cross the waters of chaos and destruction around us and bring us calm and peace.

Jesus, calmer of storms, rescue us!

Jesus, prince of peace, bring harmony to our world!