

## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time B Homily

Why was Jesus sleeping so peacefully in the boat during the storm? Surely, the rocking of the boat in the strong wind and the water splashing on him would have awakened him.

His disciples were awake and fearing for their lives. Why were they so afraid? After all, many of them were fishermen and they certainly had to have experienced similar rough weather in the past.

What about the people in the other boats that were making the same journey? The gospel doesn't inform us what happened in their boats. Do you think they were just as frightened?

Jesus was awakened, quickly summed up the situation and verbally commanded the winds to be still. The storm ended and the disciples were amazed.

Jesus then questions them about their lack of faith in him. If they had faith in Jesus they would not have been so afraid. They would have figured out that Jesus was not going to let them die in the storm on the lake. It was a test of the depth of their faith in Jesus.

How strong is your faith in Jesus? Do you turn to Jesus in prayer before danger arises or do you wait for danger to come and then turn to Jesus for help? Do you have a daily conversation with Jesus or do you prefer to keep him sleeping in the back of the boat?