

## **Bible Study for Sunday 9/8/20**

This week, something a little different - have a go at this imaginative contemplation on next Sunday's gospel:

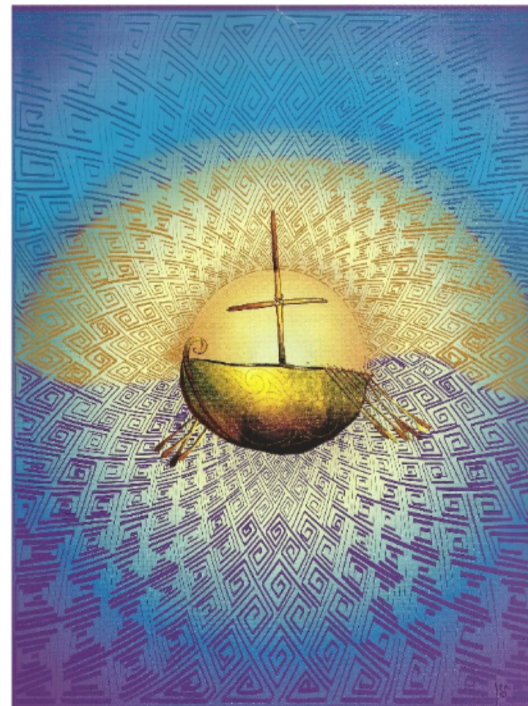
<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/imaginative-contemplation-jesus-walks-on-water/>

- ❖ Please share how you found this way of engaging with scripture. (It doesn't suit everyone.)
- ❖ How easy did you find it to enter the scene imaginatively and what did you notice that you hadn't noticed before?
- ❖ Did you want to get out of the boat?
- ❖ What element of this story speaks to you most in your life at the moment?

### **Matt 14:22-33**

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."



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### **For Prayer:**

Whenever this week you feel overwhelmed by demands, fear, anxiety, shame or weariness, by all the winds and waves of life, pray to yourself;  
'Lord save me'  
and hear God say to you;  
'Take heart, it is I;  
do not be afraid.'

Repeat these words now until they become embedded in your mind.

