

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Tue, Aug 7th 2012**

The strange incident of walking on water is full of symbolic meaning. It signified the power over evil and death. For Jews it had all sorts of resonance in the Scriptures: god “trampled the waves of the sea” (Job 9:8); “alone... I have walked in the depths of the abyss (Sir 24:5). It is a hint of his identity with God. Why do we remember all these strange stories? Because there is still evil and death in the world, and storms, and panic, and people whose lives are heading for the rocks. And Jesus is still Lord!

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