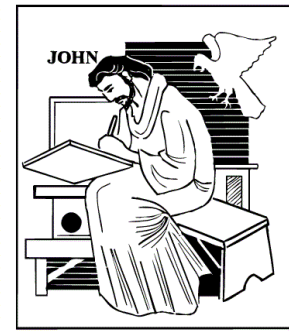
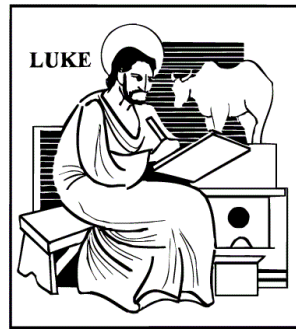
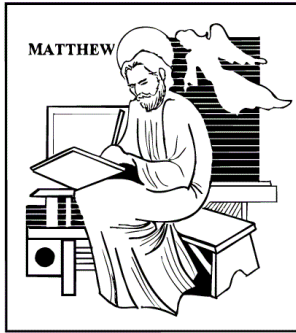


Breaking Open the Word



June 21, 2015 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 95 Gospel [Mk 4:35-41](#)

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: "Let us cross to the other side." Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

Spiritual Reflection: If there was one benefit from having chosen fishermen to be his followers it would have been their ability to guide a boat but we see here that the apostles are not even able to do that right. Jesus though does not save himself and abandon them but rather He saves everyone by calming the storm.

Spiritual Questions

1. What storms in your life do you want Jesus to calm?
2. What stupid mistakes have you made and how did it feel to know that Jesus forgave them in the same way He forgave all our other sins?
3. When was the last time God filled you with "great awe"?
4. What things can you quiet in your life? May be the amount of television you consume?
5. How does it feel to know that what might be a big deal to you is not necessarily a big deal to God?