

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

LUKE 8: 22-25

22 Now it came to pass on a certain day (the exact day being not relevant though some disciples remembered that it was a Thursday whilst others did doubt saying, Verily, it was Tuesday, for the fish cart had just delivered unto Zebedee), that Jesus went into a ship with His disciples. Simon later claimed that it was actually a boat, and that it was his, though James and John asserted with truth that it was theirs, for they had a small sleeping compartment built into the prow and lined with cushions and a soft eiderdown. So it was a small ship then. And Jesus said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake for there is a decent restaurant there and I am hungered. And they launched forth with divers visions of a great feast and lots of wine. And their stomachs did rumble, though Thomas doubted and said, Of a truth that is thunder and there is a storm brewing.

23 But as they sailed Jesus did fall asleep on the cushions for He was wearied with preaching unto the crowds: and as Thomas predicted there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and the waters did become rough and cause much spray and the boat was filled with water, and they were all mightily seasick and in jeopardy, though Jesus slept on. And there was much churning.

24 And came they unto Him, and awoke Him roughly saying, Master, master, we perish. The storm is an great one and our bowels are loosened with fear. Then He arose, and standing at the prow He rebuked the wind and the raging of the water with super words of power and invective, for He was much grieved that He had been disturbed: and the wind fell and the waters calmed and the tempest ceased, and there was a calm and the sun came out. And verily it was nice again.

25 And saith He unto them, Wherefore is your faith? Wash yourselves for you are clean, though not every one of you. (He said this to fulfil an obscure verse in the prophet Isaiah that was often put in brackets – like this.) And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, Behold! What manner of man is this! He commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey Him. And suddenly they did wash their clothing and comb their hair so that when they arrived on the shore all was in order. And they did eat a hearty lunch and were fortified body and soul. And the rumblings did cease.