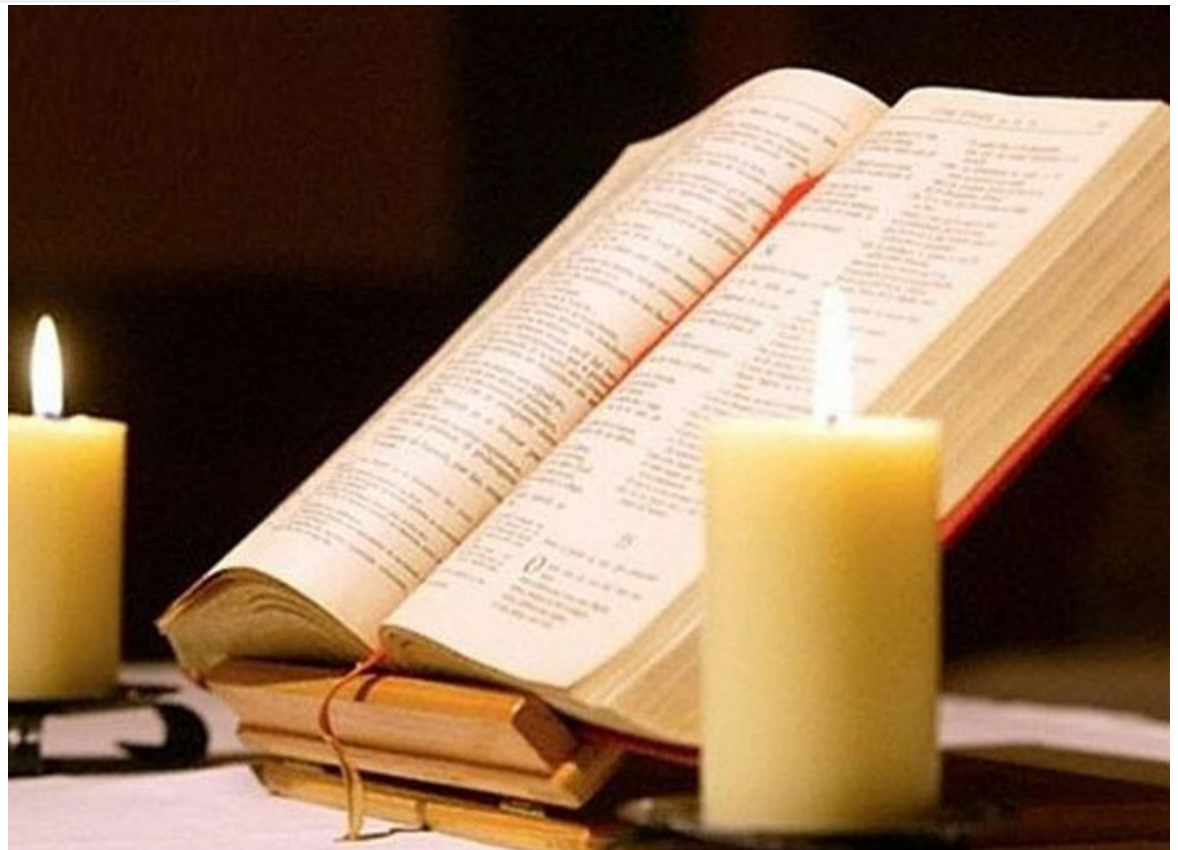


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Trusting completely in Jesus

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That day when evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They were terrified

and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" (Mark 4: 35-41)

It is not only demons who obey Jesus but also nature's elements, like the wind. Jesus gives His commands directly, not calling out to God, since he Himself is divine. That is why the disciples, after returning to a calm situation, are disturbed when confronted with His true identity. Jews could not represent God in any way so to accept that God had been incarnated in Jesus, for the disciples this is a huge test of their faith in the man from Nazareth. So how do we show that we trust in Jesus completely even when everything seems to be going wrong?