



Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

September 28, 2014

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Narrative Lectionary

Matthew 21:23-32

Exodus 14:10-14, 21-29



Moses Parts the Red Sea

Parting the Red Sea. Object: [Water and Pepper Experiment, click here.](#)

We have something really amazing to see today. I call this the "Pepper and Water Trick." As you see, I have a small dish of plain water. Now I am going to take this pepper shaker and shake pepper all over the water. Can you see the pepper floating on top of the water? Now, I want to watch what happens when I put my finger into the water and touch the bottom of the dish. Did you see that? What happened? You are right -- nothing happened!

Next I am going to take just a drop or two of this dishwashing detergent and put it on the tip of my finger. Now I will once again put my finger into the water and touch the bottom of the dish. Now, watch carefully. Wow! Did you see what happened? The pepper all separated and moved to the sides of the dish! That is pretty amazing, isn't it?

Our Bible lesson today is about an event that is far more amazing than the little trick I just showed you. In fact, it may be the most spectacular event in the entire Bible. In our last lesson, we learned that God sent Moses and his brother, Aaron, to tell Pharaoh to set his people free. The Israelites had been slaves in Egypt for over 400 years. Pharaoh refused to let God's people go until God sent ten plagues upon Egypt. Finally, he let the Israelites go.

When God led the people out of Egypt, He didn't lead them on the easiest road. He took them through the desert toward a big sea called the Red Sea. God led them by day with a big cloud and He led them by night with a pillar of fire. The cloud helped shade the people from the hot desert sun during the day and the fire helped keep them warm at night. God took care of His people.

Meanwhile, back in Egypt, when the king realized that the Israelites were gone, he changed his mind and decided he wanted them back again. "What have we done, letting our slave labor, go free?" So Pharaoh took his best men and chariots started chasing the Israelites.

When the children of Israel saw the Egyptian army and chariots coming, they were afraid. But Moses said, "Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord save you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm."

Then Moses raised his hand over the sea, and the Lord opened up a path through the water with a strong east wind. So the people of Israel walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground, with walls of water on each side! The Egyptians, with their horses and chariots, chased after the Israelites through the sea, but God twisted their chariot wheels, making them difficult to drive.

When the Israelites reached the other side, the Lord said to Moses, "Raise your hand over the sea again." When he did, the waters returned and all of the chariots and horses -- the entire army of the Pharaoh who chased the Israelites into the sea were drowned. Not a single one survived.

When the people of Israel saw the mighty power that the Lord had unleashed against the Egyptians, they were filled with awe before him. They put their faith in the Lord and in his servant

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. Alleluia (John 10:27)

Moses. You and I have seen the mighty power of God in our lives. Let us worship and praise him for the mighty acts he has performed.

Almighty Father, you love and care for us just as you did your children in the day of Moses.

What a mighty God we serve. We worship and adore you. Amen.-Used by permission, Sermons4kids

Word Search Puzzle

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Z	P	T	Y	Y	D	A	G	O	H	L	W	Z	K	A

WATER	TRAVELING	GROUND	ARMY	CHARIOTS
DRY	SEA	SAVED	MOSES	HORSES
ANGEL	HAND	CLOUD	TRUST	ISRAEL

RED SEA ROLL UP: Give each child a piece of red construction paper and cut 2 inch slits on one of the long sides of the paper. Then have children roll each slit up and tape or glue to make the paper look a little like water rolling up. Children can write today's Bible verse or words from today's lesson on the paper. Children can also use blue paper for this, as water but the RED color will help them to remember the name of the sea and today's story, if desired.

RED SEA WALK: Place a long line of chairs in 2 rows for the children to run through with the back of the chairs faced inside the area children will walk or run through. Children will line up and each child will put on a colored cloth on the head and take a "walking stick" and run through the "RED SEA" and then will bring the cloth and stick to the next child in the line up and children will continue to RUN thru the "RED SEA" until everyone has had an opportunity to do the "walk".

CROSSING THE RED SEA

EXODUS 14



"And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided."

Exodus 14:21

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