

# RELIGION AND ART

## *Pictures in Poems*

### Leave the Miracle to Him

"Whatsoever He bids you, do it!"  
Though you may not understand,  
Yield to Him complete obedience,  
Then you'll see His mighty hand.  
"Fill the waterpots with water"  
Fill them to the very brim;  
He will honor all your trusting—  
Leave the miracle to Him.

Oh, ye Christians, learn the lesson;  
Are you struggling all the way?  
Cease your trying, change to trusting,  
Then you'll triumph every day.  
"Whatsoever He bids you, do it"  
Fill the waterpots to the brim,  
But remember, 'tis His battle—  
Leave the miracle to Him.

—Author unknown



Die Bibel in Bildern - Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld (1799-1853)

*The Wedding at Cana*



Fresco, Giotto (1266-1337), Arena Chapel, Padua

*The Marriage at Cana*



**Peter and the Lord on the Sea of Galilee**

Making imaginative use of the wood grain to enhance the stylized depiction of turbulent waters, this iconic image shows Peter's garment billowing with wind to suggest angel wings. At the moment, the fisher of men's souls and rock of the church is troubled and seeks the Lord's stabilizing power.

Fierce was the wild billow,  
Dark was the night;  
Oars labored heavily,  
Foam glimmered white;  
Trembled the mariners,  
Peril was nigh:  
Then said the God of God,  
"Peace! It is I."

Jesus, Deliverer,  
Come Thou to me;  
Soothe Thou my voyaging  
Over life's sea:  
Thou, when the storm of death  
Roars, sweeping by,  
Whisper, O Truth of Truth,  
"Peace! It is I."

—Ascribed to Anatolius  
[date unknown]



**Jesus Stilling the Tempest**

"And he arose and rebuked the wind....And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?"



Eugene Burnand, (1850-1921)

*Holy Saturday*

## TELL THE DISCIPLES

Into the tomb they took Him,  
sad of heart,  
And rolled the stone,  
then turned aside apart  
To mourn each one  
the unfulfilled fair dream  
To which their dead hopes  
could no life impart.

Back to the tomb they went  
at break of day.  
The stone that sealed the tomb  
was rolled away!  
Frightened they looked,  
and heard the words of joy,  
"Fear not: for He is risen.  
Go your way.

"Tell the disciples."  
From the tomb they came  
Renewed in hope; with eyes alight,  
they bare  
Christ risen in their hearts,  
alive, not dead.  
And, lo, He has been with them  
everywhere!

—Author Unknown



Watercolor: James Tissot (1836-1902), Brooklyn Museum

*Peter and John run to the Sepulcher*