Wednesday after Epiphany

Gospel text (*Mk* 6:45-52): After the five thousand had eaten and were satisfied, Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side toward Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. And when he had taken leave of them, he went off to the mountain to pray. When it was evening, the boat was far out on the sea and he was alone on shore. Then he saw that they were tossed about while rowing, for the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them. But when they saw him walking on the sea (...).

The world of matter also belongs to the true God

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Today, within the context of Christmas, we contemplate Jesus walking on water. Who could do it - by his own power — but the one that was conceived virginally? Jesus is God and, as such, He has power over the matter

There are two moments in the story of Jesus when God intervenes directly in the material world: His virginal conception and the resurrection from the Tomb. These two moments are a scandal to the modern spirit. God is “allowed” to act in ideas and thoughts, in the spiritual domain–but not in the material. That is shocking! But... God is God and he does not operate merely on the level of ideas; the matter also belongs to Him.

God’s creative power embraces the whole of being. In that sense the virgin birth and the real resurrection from the tomb are the cornerstones of faith. If God does not also have power over the matter, then He simply is not God. But He does have this power... and wanders naturally over the waters..