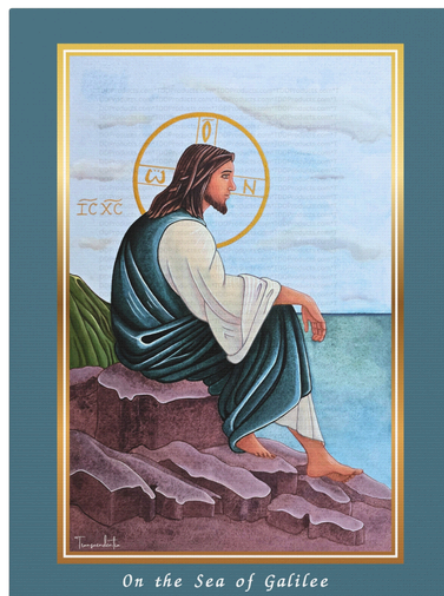




Jesus “On the Sea of Galilee”

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The Sea of Galilee is both a physical and symbolic stage for Jesus’ ministry. Miracles, teachings, and discipleship happened here. Transcendientia’s Icon, “On the Sea of Galilee”, is designed to help us walk that shoreline and meditate deeply on the classroom of discipleship that occurred there. It is where fishermen became disciples. It is where storms became sermons. It is where bread multiplied in open fields. It is where demons fled. It is where a broken disciple was restored.

In this icon, we see Jesus sitting on the rocks overlooking the Sea of Galilee. He is easily identifiable by the nimbus (halo) surrounding His head bearing a cruciform containing the Greek letters Ω Ο Ν (omega, omicron, nu) “I am He who is”, the name of God in Ex 3:14. Outside the nimbus (halo) are the Greek letters IC XC – the Christogram. The Greek letters "IC XC" are written above Christ's halo, representing the name "Jesus Christ". The "IC" is made up of the first and last letters of the Greek word for "Jesus" (Ἰησοῦς), while the "XC" is made up of the first and last letters of the Greek word for "Christ" (Χριστός).

His blue outer robes signify His divinity, heaven, mystery, and transcendence. Blue represents the heavenly realm and the spiritual existence of Christ. The white color used for the under robes signifies divine light, purity, holiness, and the resurrection. White often highlights the divine nature shining through humanity in the figure of Christ. White also signifies righteousness, joy, and the redemption of sin.

In the distance, we see the Mount of Beatitudes, and the green used represents new life, renewal, hope, and the life-giving teachings of Jesus. The rock Jesus sits upon represents the foundation rock that Jesus describes in the closing lines of His ‘Sermon on the Mount’. In Matthew 7: 24–25. Christ is our foundation rock. The red color of the rocks symbolizes the earthly nature of Christ and His blood shed for our sins.

Lastly, we see a calm Sea of Galilee, which symbolizes that we can trust that Jesus will see us safely through any storm we find ourselves in.