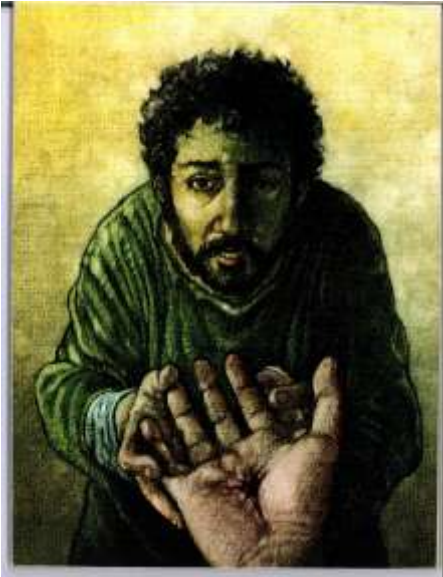


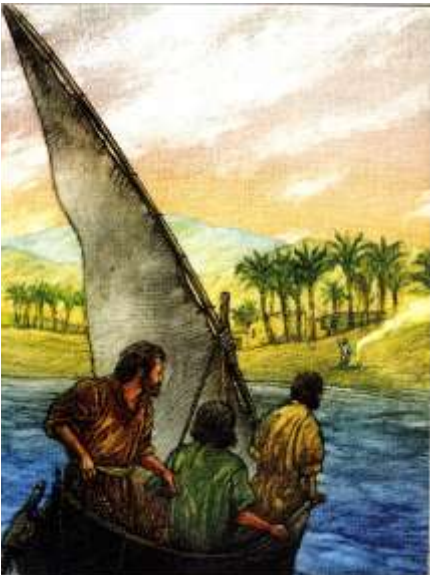
## Knowing Jesus in a New Way

### Part 3 – Known in Doubt



On the third Sunday in the season of Easter we remember that one dark night in Jerusalem. The disciples were huddled and afraid in an upstairs room. Afraid the soldiers would come like they had Jesus. Someone said, "Peace be with you." They looked and it was He. At first they thought it was a ghost but then they saw his wounds. He ate a piece of fish and opened the scriptures as he had in Emmaus. Thomas was not there and didn't believe the others. He said, "I will not believe until I can touch his wounds." Why wouldn't he doubt? Their minds were stretching, stretching to be big enough to know Jesus in this new way. Eight days passes. The disciples gathered in the room with the doors shut. This time Thomas was there. A voice said, "Peace be with you." It was he and this time he went right up to Thomas and held out his hand. "Touch me." All Thomas could do was fall to his knees, "My Lord and my God." "Do you believe because you have seen?" He slowly looked around the circle. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

### Part 4: Known in the Morning



On the Fourth Sunday in the season of Easter we remember how the disciples went north to Galilee, as Jesus told them. It was a long journey, eighty miles. It took 4 days to walk. Many of them were fishermen so they went to the Sea of Galilee to rest. This was the place they knew as boys. They had fished with their fathers. Suddenly, Peter stood up and said, "I am going fishing." The rest went with him to prepare the boat. They sailed out onto the lake and began to fish. The sounds and smells comforted them, though they caught no fish all night. In the morning the sky turned pink, then blue. Someone was on shore by a fire. They could see the red glow and the smoke. "Have you caught anything?" and they replied, "No." "Throw the nets on the other side. They could feel the fish moving as they held the nets. John said to Peter, "It is the Lord." Peter jumped into the water and swam to shore. The others turned the boat around the dragging the net full of fish behind them followed Peter. Jesus said, "Do you love me?"..."Care for my sheep." Then Jesus spoke to Peter about growing old, how you need help in old age, people tell you what to do even if you don't want to. Did Jesus mean Peter's death in Rome many years later? What about John. Peter asked. Jesus said. "That is not for you to know."