

Know Jesus in a New Way

Part VI – Known in Waiting



Discussion

After each lesson in this series the storyteller asks:

Now I wonder if there is anything in this room that you can bring and put beside this picture to help us tell more about this part of the story? Is there something that just calls to you and seems like it needs to be there. Look around and see.

I will go around the circle and ask each one of you if you would like to go and get something to put beside this image to show more about it.

I don't know what you are going to get. You are the only one in the world who knows that. If you don't feel like getting something, that is okay. Just enjoy what we make together. You are still a part of what we make.

On the sixth Sunday in the season of Easter we remember how the disciples returned to Jerusalem. They gathered again in their room and Jesus was there. They were more comfortable now with the new way of knowing Him, so they asked many questions, most of them were foolish.

Jesus cut short such talk, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons.

He then led them out of the room and through the streets. They went beyond the walls of Jerusalem to a hillside, perhaps near Bethany.

Jesus stopped and they gathered around him. He lifted up his hands, looking at each one, and blessed them. He then "withdrew" and a cloud took him out of sight.

The disciples stood looking in to the sky until someone said, "Why are you looking up into the sky?" There were two men standing there, dressed in white. The disciples felt silly. What *were* they doing looking up into the sky for what they could no longer see? The strangers then answered their own question. "This was Jesus. He is gone now, as you have known him." It seemed like a great weight was lifted from their shoulders.

The disciples turned and walked back to Jerusalem. Now they had to wait. What was the Holy Spirit he said was coming?

How would they know when it arrived?

They waited and waited.

While they waited they found someone to replace Judas. God helped them choose Matthias, so now they were The Twelve, once more, but they still had to keep waiting. How long would it take for the Holy Spirit to come?