

The Upper Room -With John
May 30

He was the youngest of the group. He respectfully waited for the others to speak before he began his story. He spoke of being in the boat with his father and some of the others who worked for them. This preacher whom he had seen around town and whom he had listened to from time to time came by and invited them to follow him. He and James his brother looked at each other and decided that his invitation was better than a life of fishing. They gave their dad a hug and went off with him. He spoke of the many wonders that they had seen. Lepers cleansed, the blind could see, the deaf could hear, people were fed in the desert. He remembered how one day they had come to a town that would not welcome them. He and James wanted to destroy the town, but Jesus just smiled at them and said that they would simply move on. On another occasion the two brothers got the bright idea of having their mother ask for prime positions in his kingdom. The idea began with the brothers, but they thought it might get a better reception if they got their mother to make the presentation, that didn't work either. He only spoke to them about drinking the cup that he would drink of. So much for ambition in his kingdom.

Then he talked of standing below his cross and being given that great responsibility of caring for his mother. That care was more special than any seat at his right or left. He looked at the women sitting there in the midst of them. He smiled at her and looked at the others. We have been telling each other about our life with him and his importance in our lives. I think the time has come for us to leave this Upper Room and tell others what he means not just to us but for them. It is time for us to go to Jerusalem and then beyond.

How did you first meet Jesus in your life?

What does he mean for you in your life?

Have you tried to con Jesus for something better in your life?

How do you care for the mother of Jesus?

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