

## Prelude to Pentecost

John, son of Zebedee: I'm dying of suspense! I don't think I can wait any longer!

James, son of Zebedee: I'm just bored! It's been ten days since Jesus told us to wait for something to happen in the upper room. I'm really getting tired of waiting! I just want to go out for a while.

Thomas: Well, you can but I'm not leaving this place. Remember what happened the last time when Jesus came, and I was out? Boy what a fool I made of myself. How embarrassing when Jesus told me to put my fingers in his wounds. No way I'm leaving!

Salome: You men are so impatient! If God had made you a woman and a mother, you would know the joy of waiting. That's the problem with you men. You've never given birth, so you don't know what it is to wait!

Mary the Mother of Jesus: Salome is right you know. Those nine months I was carrying Jesus in my womb were some of the most precious moments in my life. As much as I may have wanted to rush ahead, I needed to be patient and cherish the life within me.

Mary of Magdala: We women are much more patient than you. After Jesus died on the cross, you all were convinced that it was all over. Onto the next thing. You wouldn't wait to see what could unfold. We are the ones who went back to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus only to find that he was risen. We women disciples had our women's intuition that in God's time, all would be made new.

Peter: Mary, I have learned so much from you! You should really be the leader, not me. You are the Rock on which we all depend. But yes, I know the times we live in do not give women their just place. Maybe thousands of years from now women like you will have their rightful place.

Thomas: I doubt that! Not that you don't deserve it but it's hard for men to let go of control.

Salome: Wait, does anyone else hear something? It sounds soft but it seems to be getting louder and louder?

John: Yes, I hear it too? Where is it coming from? It seems to be coming from somewhere in this room but where?

James: I'm dying of suspense! Where can this sound be coming from? Is this what we've been waiting for?

Mary the Mother of Jesus: Oh wait! This is the sound that I heard the night that Jesus was born. I thought it was Angels' singing!

Magdalene: Oh wait! This is the sound that I heard coming from the tomb when I was waiting outside weeping and then I heard Jesus' voice call my name

Peter: Oh wait, this is the sound that I heard resounding across the waters when I was with the disciples fishing and Jesus was waiting for us on the beach

Thomas: I don't doubt any of this. The sound is getting stronger and stronger almost like a driving wind....

Is this what we are waiting for?