

Coming Down the Mountain

Biblical Reference: Acts 1

Four unnamed disciples of Jesus, who have just witnessed Jesus' ascension into Heaven.

D1 is level headed & down to earth. Impressed by what they have just witnessed.

D2 is dynamic, doesn't waste time but has a short temper.

D3 was more dependent on Jesus and & finds it hard to adjust but is totally loyal.

D4 Slower off the mark, much more thoughtful but has a real grasp of Jesus' teaching.

All 4 disciples are faced away from the audience looking into the sky. They only turn as their first line is spoken.

D1: Now that's what I call an exit!

D3: Is it all over? (Worried)

D2: Come on, let's go.

D4: But he could come back.

D3: You heard the angel, "in the same way he was taken".

D4: I'm going to stay. (Looks back)

D2: You can stay if you like but you're wasting your time.

D3: And what suddenly makes you an expert?

D2: Probably because I understood what the angel said.

D3: And I don't?

D2: No.

D4: (Faces front) How do you know?

D2: Because it's obvious.

D3: Oh yeah? (Confrontationally)

D2: Yeah! (Angry)

D1: (Steps between them) Look, he hasn't been gone five minutes & you're off again. And we're supposed to be his witnesses.

D2: In all Judea. (Looks right)

D3: And Samaria. (looks left)

D4: And to the ends of the earth. (Looks over audience)

PAUSE

D2: I don't want to go to Samaria; they're all a bunch of weirdoes.

D3: Yes and you get seasick. (To 4) (All others sway from side to side)

D1: Oh that's just great. We've got the most fantastic news in the history of mankind & we can't get started until someone invents the travel sickness pill!

D4: So what do we do now?

D3: I wish Jesus was here, he'd know what to do.

D2: He told us what to do.

D1: Go back to Jerusalem.

D2: Right.

D4: "For John baptised with water but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit."

D3: Is that theologically sound?

D1: Is it what?

D3: Is it...(Cut short)

D2: Shall we wait until after we've been through it. Then we'll know what we're talking about.

D4: And all we have to do is wait?

D1: That's what he said.

D3: Then what?

D1: What, what?

D3: After this "Holy Spirit" comes, what will happen to us?

D1: I don't know.

D4: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you."

D3: But what type of power?

D1: What is this, Solomon's Court? How should I know?

D2: It must be the power of Jesus.

D4: His power?

D2: Yes, so we can do what he did, say what he said, live like he lived!

D3: And that's what this Holy Spirit stuff is all about?

D2: Yes. Don't you see, we'll have the power to BE his witnesses?

D1: With the Holy Spirit we won't have to worry.

D4: Because we will know what to do.

D2: What to say.

D3: How to live!

D1: Then we will start getting somewhere.

D2: Without all the arguing.

D4: Now that would be a miracle!

D1: With one Spirit behind us we'd all agree because we would be saying the same thing.

D2: With one voice.

D3: His voice.

All: Yeah!