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## The Background to the Story

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It was only a few hours before the cross.

## What Did Jesus Leave to His Followers?

### 1. A Constant Companion.

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Jesus explained that He would only show Himself to those who loved Him.

However, Jesus said that He, the Father, and the Holy Spirit would live within us. *Here we must remember and do our best to understand the tri-unity of God.*

### 2. A Continual Communication (and a perfect remembrance of Jesus' teaching.)

*"All this I have spoken while still with you. 26But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."* - John 14:25,26

The teaching wouldn't stop, but would be done through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Part of the Spirit's work is to remind and teach.

*"Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 21For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."* - 2 Peter 1:20,21

*"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness..."* - 2 Timothy 3:16

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### 3. A Curious Calm.

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*"And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end..."* - Is. 9:6,7

*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favour rests."* - Lk 2:14

What Jesus offers is very different calms than what you can find anywhere else. All other forms are short-term or false.

— Calm because of peace with God.

*"There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked."* - Isaiah 48:22

*"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ..."* - Romans 5:1

*"For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life!"* - Romans 5:10

— Calm because of peace with our fellow Christians.

*"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."* - Eph. 4:3

— Calm because of peace within yourself.

*"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* - Philippians 4:7  
(past, sin, weakness, mortality, direction, etc.)

### 4. A Complete Confidence.

*"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. 29I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. 30I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, 31but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me. Come now; let us leave."* - John 14:28-31

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*"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7but made Himself nothing..."* - Philippians 2:5-7

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