

Red Letter Day Statement #9

“Jesus is Coming Again!” – John 14:1-3, 28-29

Getting Started

1. Do you look forward to going to an airport? Is the experience usually exciting? sad? scary?
2. What day of the year can you hardly wait for?
3. What long-awaited "prize" was worth the wait (season tickets, driver's license, etc.)?

Digging Deeper

Read Acts 1:1-11

4. What would call Jesus' ascension to heaven?
 - sad - the end of his earthly ministry
 - hopeful - the start of a new phase of his ministry
 - prophetic - as he left, he will return
 - amazing - that would have been something to see!
5. If you were one of the disciples, how would you have felt about Jesus leaving?
 - terrified
 - confused
 - excited about what was ahead
 - abandoned
 - angry
6. What were the angels telling the disciples?
 - "Don't worry, he will come again."
 - "Don't just stand there, get on with it."
 - "It is time to begin your mission."
 - Other:
7. What do you think the disciples did during the 10 days they waited for the Holy Spirit to come?
 - grieved over Jesus' departure
 - praised God with much joy
 - talked about their mixed-up feelings and encouraged each other
 - recalled Jesus' teachings and tried to understand what was going on
 - sat in silence waiting for something to happen

8. What do you see as the key point of this passage?
- God's kingdom includes the whole world
 - Jesus will return, but don't stand around waiting for him
 - Jesus' mission and ministry continues through his followers
 - The power of the Holy Spirit is crucial to every Christian's life

Living it Out

9. In verse 8, Jesus says "you will be my witnesses." Where do you feel called to be Christ's witnesses?
10. What holds you back from spreading the word about Jesus?
- lack of knowledge
 - lack of concern
 - lack of courage
 - lack of non-Christian friends or acquaintances
 - nothing - I'm doing it!

Changing Your Mind

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

- Hebrews 10:24-25