

Jesus' Best Friends



“Peter, can you come to my house today?” a new convert asked. “My friends and I would like to speak with you about Jesus. You know so much about him and his teachings.”

After Peter’s first sermon, 3,000 new Christians needed a place to grow stronger in their faith. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teachings, to fellowship with one another, and to the breaking of bread and to prayer. They were filled with awe at the many signs and wonders performed by the apostles.

People gathered in the temple to worship. Some small groups met in houses. Sometimes people meet in a place outside the temple called “The Porch of Solomon” to tell each other their problems, and to enjoy time together.

“Hello Joseph!” said Matthew, “is there anything I can do for you?”

“I’m fine, thank you,” replied Joseph. “I just came to give you something. I sold some of my property and would like to give the money to someone who needs it.”

“Thank you, Joseph,” said the apostle, “We will call you Barnabas instead of Joseph, because Barnabas means ‘Son of Encouragement’, and it’s a perfect name for a man as generous as you are.”

Joseph smiled.

The multitude who believed what Peter shared were of one heart and one soul. None of them said that they had anything of their own, but they shared everything with each other.

Then Joseph said, “I am not the only one who has sold their property to help those in need. We all must love and help each other, just as Jesus commanded.”