

# TEAM JESUS!

When we think about the influential people in Jesus' lifetime, we think about the disciples who were his friends and who helped to grow the Church. But what about the disciples' children? If the disciples did have children (which would have been the norm), what would their opinion have been about the life of Jesus? This scene is a fantasy snapshot of the youngsters' moments after Jesus' ascension, examining the conversations that may have gone on between them.

**Theme:** Faith

**Cast:**



**Peter Junior**  
(Si - in reference to Simon's name change in the New Testament)



**Andrew Junior**  
(Andy)



**Bartholomew Junior**  
(Bart)



**Thomas Junior**  
(Tom)



**Mum**  
(off stage voice)

**Biblical Reference:** Luke 24

### Performance notes:

The scene may need to be set before the performance so that the audience is aware of the fictional element of this sketch. If you feel comfortable, explain this in your own words, or alternatively quote the opening paragraph above 'Theme'.

Andy, Bart, and Tom should start centre stage talking in a group 'hanging out'. Be aware that throughout the piece, characters will be grouped together and talking to each other. It is important that whenever this occurs characters are angled so that their backs are not to the audience and their voices are projected towards the audience. Make sure that all characters exit the same way and that the last few lines are directed forward before moving off-stage.

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(Andy, Bart and Tom begin on stage 'hanging out' and talking in a group)  
(Si comes running in from back of hall)



**Si** Did you hear? Did you hear?



**Andy** Calm down! Calm down! Don't get your cassock in a twist.



**Bart** What is it this time, Si?

**Si** You're never going to believe what my dad told me about Jesus!

**Tom** (aside) No, probably not.

**Bart** Now, now, Tom, hear him out.



**Si** Well, my dad just came back from the Mount of Olives and he looked kind of weird, like all sad, but a bit happy at the same time, and he had this strange look in his eyes and my mum was like...



**Andy** Come on, Si, get to the point.



**Si** Well, you know the teacher, Jesus, who they crucified?



**Tom** Who could forget that? There was all that hoo-hah about the guards who lost him.

**Bart** They didn't lose him.

**Tom** Well, one minute there was a dead body and the next there wasn't. Somebody was careless and somebody lost him.

**Bart** Or... Si's dad was right and the gardener that the women saw was Jesus!

**Tom** Do you realise how ridiculous that sounds? I saw him die. I know we weren't meant to, we promised our mums we wouldn't, but I went anyway. I knew I wouldn't believe it unless I saw it with my own eyes. He... was... dead! There is no way he just woke up the next day, got dressed as a gardener and went for a walk in the gardens. No way!

**Andy** Hang on a minute, Tom. Don't forget it's your dad who saw his hands. You told us he put his fingers where the nails had been. You told us how 'sick' it was. So what now? That wasn't enough? Now, a few weeks later, you don't believe?



**Tom** Well, I never saw them myself, did I?



**Si** *(Si jumps up and down waving his arms)*  
Hello? Guys? Over here?  
As I was saying before doubting Tom got in on the act, my dad has just come back from the Mount of Olives and he said that Jesus has left, this time for good. They saw him rise up into the sky...



**Tom** You have got to be kidding me!



**Bart** Rise up into the sky? You've got to admit that sounds a bit weird.

**Tom** It's more than a bit weird - it's bonkers!

**Si** If you don't believe me, ask your own dads, 'cos they were all there!  
Anyway, my dad said there was a really bright light that filled the sky and Jesus just, kind of, blended into the light and was in the sky and... I don't know. My dad sounded really weird when he was telling us, but I think that's what happened. And then he said Jesus was gone for good this time. He told them he was going back to his Father...

**Tom** You see, now there's another thing - fancy having God as your dad? I can't get my head around that...

**Andy** Tom, will you just be quiet and keep your negative comments to yourself?



**Bart** Well said, Andy. Go on, Si.



**Si** Thanks, guys. So, he told them that he was going back to his Father in Heaven, except there was something about some Spirit... that was also Jesus. Or did he say God coming to help them? Oh I don't know, it all sounds so weird now, but my dad was so sure and I believe him.



**Mum** *(off-stage)* Boys, it's time to go back for dinner before prayers. You can catch up again later.



*(Boys start to walk off stage, Tom in front)*

**Andy** Hey, Si!

**Si** Yep?

**Andy** I believe you and your dad.

**Bart** Yeah, me too.

**Si** Team Jesus?

**Andy  
and Bart** Team Jesus!