

# MEANWHILE...

Means at the same time.

Its the week after Easter and I imagine God and Jesus remain on the throne observing the earth:

- They see people spending countless hours watching the Derek Chauvin trial.
- Many watching the stats of the COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Others mourning the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh.

You see the world continues in its course. And I can only imagine this was exactly how it was after the resurrection. In corporate its called being back to business as usual.

Once Jesus lived through the crucifixion and

resurrection he knew it would be only a matter of time before his ascension. And then, with the keys of death and hell in tote, he would enter heaven. To occupy the sit next to his Father God on the throne, making intercession.

But what did Jesus do MEANWHILE with his time?

Read Luke 24 it gives you an account:

- spectators said they found the tomb empty (v3, v12)

- the Angels announced, he is risen! (v4-7)

- when the followers asked why they are grieved? Cleopas (not a disciple) recounts all that had occurred. (v18-24)

- Then Jesus refers to them as fools and slow of heart to believe the Prophets. And he recounted beginning with Moses all the things concerning himself. Finally they recognize it is Jesus himself in the breaking of bread. (v25-29)

- He reminds that that as Christ he fulfilled his part and suffered. And how, after being endued

with power, they must do their part and preach the remittance of sin in his name.

(v45-49)

- then he blessed them

(v50)

- then he ascended

This meanwhile time was rich, as believers spent quality time with the key witness of the Kingdom. The resurrected one who also births life to everyone that repents of sin and receives him as Lord. They wanted him to stay with them but knew the release of full power would be deferred until he SHIFTED into his GLORIOUS BODY AND WAS SEATED AT THE THRONE. Jesus obedience was evident from his birth on earth and to his resurrection into the Kingdom.

An encourager of the El Paso Virtual Prayer Wall reminded us of the power and authority that belongs to the believer. He said, 'as we sit in the Kingdom of God we are above the highest office on the land.' We must know as we come on one accord as the Body Of Christ we can defeat all the enemies plots.

Jesus spent his meanwhile focused on the Kingdom!

CHALLENGE:

To consider, are you ready for the SHIFT?

If so, get out of the MEANWHILE of not using the power and authority God has entrusted to you as a believer.

