



Questions:

1. What stood out for you from John 20: 19-25?
2. Who or what do you think the Holy Spirit is? Is it possible we may be entering a new age of the Holy Spirit? If so, what do you think that might mean?
3. What are some of the biggest challenges facing humanity in the coming years? How might a shift to the energy and guidance of the Holy Spirit help us to meet those challenges?
4. How do you discern the work of the Holy Spirit in your life opposed to other influences? When are you sure it is the Holy Spirit, what provides that confidence?
5. Phyllis suggests we are in an important time, on the edge of a new spirituality. Do you think there is an intentional order the historic shifts in the Christian thought? Why do you think our ideas about God change over time?

EPISODE TITLE: "Was It The Holy Spirit or the Pizza?"

The Great Convergence, Episode 5

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Pneuma Divina Scripture: John 20: 19-25

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

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