



## The Four Elements

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So often in life we are the bystanders of transformative events, those “you should have been there” or “be thankful you were not a witness” moments. Ordinary people, living everyday lives for whom the world around them has changed direction for ever.

The characters in the paintings known as “The Four Elements” by 16thC Flemish artist Joachim Beuckelaer are witnesses to a series of world changing scenes from Jesus’ life and teachings. These bystanders address us from out of the canvas asking or telling us, “You

saw nothing”, “It’s a bit awkward”, “Who invited you?” and “What the ..... just happened there?!”

All very human responses to events to which they are witnesses and bystanders. In these studies we will discover how we are also witnesses and bystanders who are being drawn into God’s grace as the four gospel stories depicted in the paintings lead us from flight, fear and folly to the edge of faith.