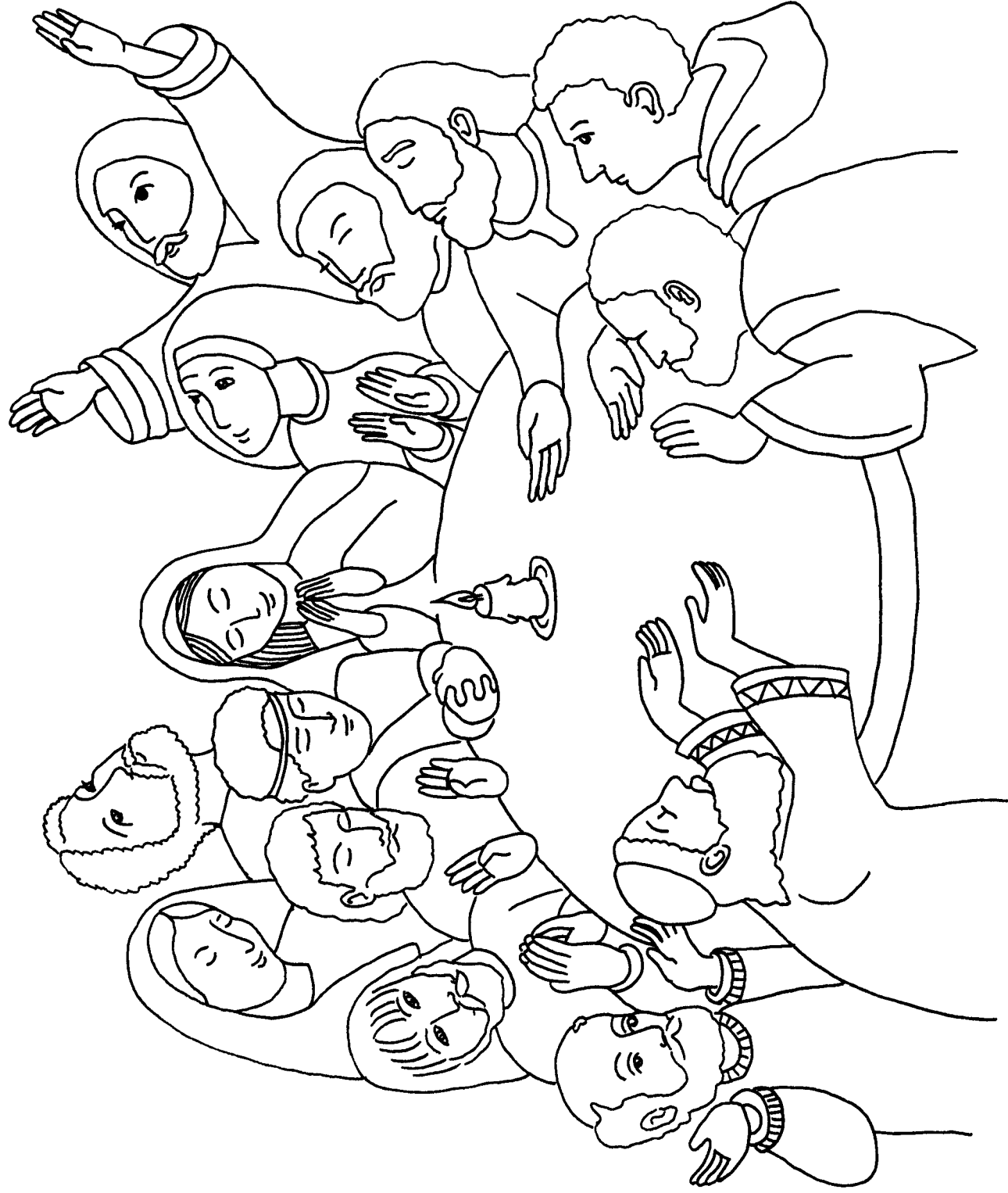


Mary Prays with Jesus' Friends



During the weeks following Easter, the risen Jesus visited his mother, Mary, and his friends several times. Mary and other women often joined the apostles (special helpers of Jesus) in praying and praising God.

On the 50th day after Easter (called Pentecost) Jesus' helpers were suddenly filled with the Holy Spirit (God's love) and went out to begin sharing the good news about Jesus to all the people. (Cf Acts 1:12-14; 2:1-41) Pentecost is celebrated as the beginning or birthday of Jesus' Church.

- Questions:**
- Who did Mary often pray with?
 - What does the word "apostle" mean?
 - What happened on Pentecost?