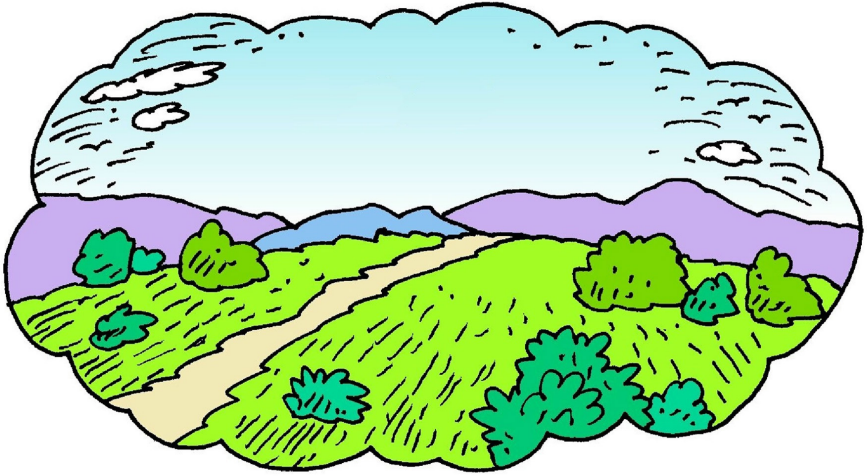


3 JESUS APPEARS TO HIS FRIENDS



ALONG THE ROAD.

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"Why did Jesus have to die? I just don't understand it."
Cleopas said.

His friend just listened. He didn't know what to say.

They were also some of Jesus' friends
and they were very sad.



They were walking back to their home in the next town,
called Emmaus. It was about 7 miles from Jerusalem.

Yes, in those days they didn't have cars like we do,
they just walked by foot. They were very fit and strong
from all the walking.

They also had lots of time to chat to each other
along the way.

Today they were talking about Jesus, who died.
They just couldn't make sense out of everything
which had happened and they were so confused.



The next moment Jesus appeared and started walking
with them on the road.

But they didn't realized that it was Jesus.

"What are you talking about and why are you so sad?"

Cleopas was first to answer :

"Don't you even know what happened? Are you a stranger?"

Jesus pretended not to know and asked :

"What do you mean?"

"Jesus is God's prophet and made many sick people well.

He also told us wonderful things about God's Kingdom.

We were hoping that He would be our next leader and free us from the Romans, who don't treat us well at all.

But our priests and leaders killed Jesus on a cross.

Oh, it's just so sad" they both said.

They all walked along in silence for a while...

Then Cleopas told the rest of the story :

"And on top of it all, some of our friends went to His grave this morning and saw His grave is empty.

This upset us so much that we decided to leave straight away." He took a breath before he continued :

Some of the women even said that they saw angels.

One angel said that Jesus is alive.

Then Peter and John also quickly ran to the grave, but they didn't see Jesus.

Oh, this is just too confusing, we don't know what to believe anymore."



Then Jesus started talking to them :

(They still didn't know that it was Jesus.)

"Oh my friends, why does it take so long for you to believe?

Don't you understand that Jesus had to suffer and die,
for the sins of all the people in the world?

He came alive again and will go back to heaven!

It's all written up in the Scriptures."

Then Jesus explained very patiently to them
everything which was written about Him

and that it has come true.



They listened very, very carefully.

By now they reached their town but Jesus pretended
to go on to the next town.

"No, no, please don't leave us,

come and have some food with us."

they begged Him.

They still didn't realize that it was Jesus!

So Jesus went with them to their home.

They all sat down to eat some bread.

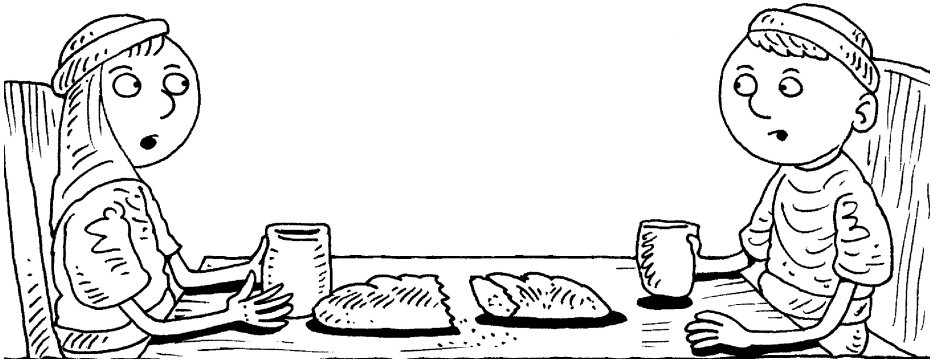


In those days they didn't cut the bread like we do,
they just broke pieces off to eat.

They asked Jesus to pray a blessing on the food.

The very moment that Jesus blessed the bread
and broke some pieces off,
they suddenly saw that it was Jesus!!!

But then He just disappeared!



They were so happy and amazed at the same time.

They just listared at each other for a while
before they could even speak.

"Our hearts were so happy and warm
when He was talking to us!" they said.

They got SO exited!

They got up straight away and walked as fast as they could
all the way back to Jerusalem.

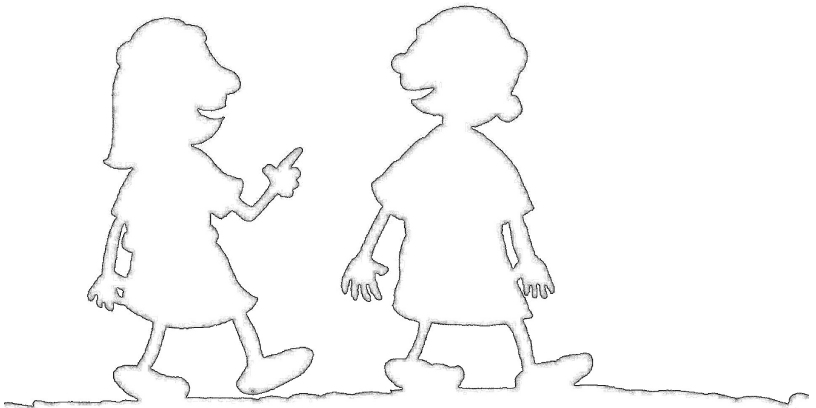
They just couldn't wait to tell all Jesus' other friends
about what happened to them.

It was such GOOD news!



When they got there, everybody was so excited,
they were all talking at once!

"Jesus is REALLY alive!"



You can also read this story in the Bible,
in Luke 24 v 13 - 35.

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