On the Road to Emmaus



Mary Magdalene and the other women told the disciples that Jesus was risen. But the disciples found this news difficult to believe.



That very day, two of Jesus' followers were on the road to Emmaus, a village about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking about all the things that had happened.



As they were talking, Jesus himself came up and walked with them. But the two men did not realize who he was.



Jesus asked, "What were you talking about just now?" They stood still, looking sad. "Do you not know what has happened in Jerusalem these past days?"



"Our chief priests and rulers delivered up Jesus of Nazareth, a prophet mighty in deed and word before God, to be condemned to death and crucified."



"We had hoped that he was the one to save Israel. And besides all this, some women of our group say that they went to the tomb this morning and did not find his body."



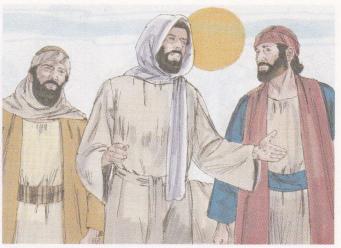
"They even say they saw a vision of angels, who said that Jesus is alive. Some of our group went to the tomb and found it empty, as the women said, but they did not see him."



And Jesus began to interpret to them all the scriptures from Moses and the prophets concerning himself.



While they were eating, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then they recognized that this was Jesus! That very hour they returned to Jerusalem.



Jesus said, "Foolish men, why are you so slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken? Wasn't it necessary that the Christ suffer these things and enter into his glory?"



10 When they came to Emmaus, Jesus appeared to be going further. They said, "Stay with us, for it is almost evening." So Jesus went in to stay with them.



There the disciples said to them, "The Lord really has risen! He has appeared to Peter!" Then the two men told what had happened and how they recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread.