

The Road to Emmaus

Three days after Jesus died, Cleopas and his friend were slowly walking down the road to Emmaus. They were walking slowly because they felt very sad. "Why did Jesus have to die?" they wondered. After a while, a stranger began to walk along with them. The stranger was really Jesus, but Cleopas and his friend didn't know it.

"What are you talking about?" the stranger asked.

The men looked at each other. "Are you the only person in town who doesn't know what just happened?" they asked. They told the stranger what had happened to Jesus. "Jesus was a great teacher," Cleopas said.

“We hoped he was the one God promised would save the world, but instead he died on a cross! We took Jesus’ body down and put it in a tomb. This morning, our friends went to the tomb, but Jesus’ body was gone! They said there was an angel there instead! The angel told our friends, ‘Jesus is alive,’ but . . .”

“Stop being silly!” the stranger said. “How many times do you need to hear this? It was God’s plan for Jesus to die and become alive again to save the world!”



By now, they were almost to Emmaus. Cleopas invited the stranger to stay for dinner. During dinner, the stranger picked up a loaf of bread, broke it, blessed it, and gave each man a piece. All of a sudden, Cleopas and his friend recognized the stranger. It was Jesus,



but then Jesus disappeared! Cleopas and his friend
jumped up, ran from the room, and went to tell the rest
of Jesus' disciples that Jesus really was alive! God kept
another promise!

★ If you saw Jesus walking down
the road, who would you tell?
What would you say?

