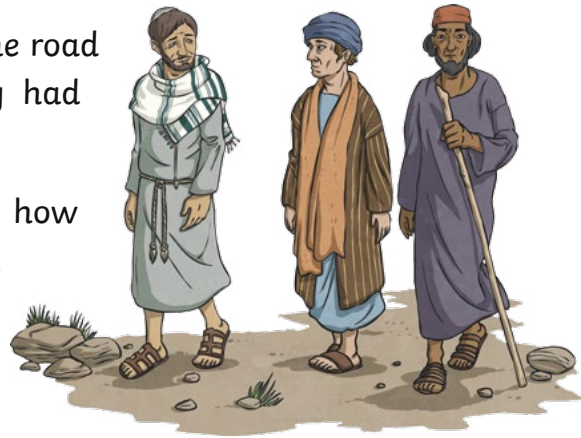


The Road to Emmaus

One day, two men were walking down the road towards a village called Emmaus. They had been friends of Jesus.

While they walked, they talked about how Jesus had been arrested and then been put to death. This had upset everyone who knew Jesus.



Jesus' body had been laid in a tomb, like a cave, and a huge stone was put in front of the entrance. The two men were confused. Jesus' body had now gone from the tomb! The two friends just could not understand what was going on!

While they walked, another person walked with them. It was Jesus, but the two men did not know it was him.

Jesus asked them, "What are you talking about?"

One of the men said, "We're talking about all the things that have been going on in Jerusalem lately."

"What has been going on?" asked Jesus.

"Jesus of Nazareth," the other man said. "He talked about life and being in Heaven. Everything he said and did was wonderful. The chief priests didn't like him because he said things that they did not agree with. Many people liked what Jesus was saying. So, the chief priests had Jesus arrested and then he was crucified. Jesus had said he would rise from the dead by the third day. But today is the third day!"

The men continued to explain.



"Then, today, the women amazed us. They went to the tomb and said his body had disappeared. They told us that they had seen angels who had said he was alive!"

Jesus said to them, "How foolish you have been! How slow to believe

everything that had been written about the Saviour! The Saviour had to go through all that, so that people could understand his message!”

Jesus carried on talking to the two men on their journey. Still they did not know who he was.

Later, when they were about to eat, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks and broke it. This was something they remembered Jesus doing, and at last, they recognised him!

Jesus disappeared.

They realised who he was and said, “We knew we felt different while he talked to us!”

Immediately, they went back to Jerusalem to tell the disciples.

“It is true! The Lord has appeared to us!”



Questions

1. Number these sentences in the correct order from 1 to 4.
Jesus' body disappeared from the tomb.
Jesus was put to death.
Jesus was arrested.
Jesus' body was laid in a tomb.
2. The men were talking about the things that had been going on in
Emmaus
Jerusalem
Nazareth
Heaven
3. Why did the men say the chief priests had arrested Jesus?
They did not like him.
They wanted to be Jesus.
They wanted him to leave Jerusalem.
They needed the soldiers to have some work.
4. Choose another word that matches the meaning of 'disappeared'.
Lost
Vanished
Found
Saw
5. Match up the sentences.
Many people
Jesus said he would
The women said
6. Who did the women see in the tomb?
Men
Jesus
Disciples
Angels

7. What action did Jesus do which made the two men realise who he was?

8. What did the two men do when they realised who Jesus was?

They went to bed

They went for dinner

They went back to tell the disciples

They went to Emmaus