

On Sunday morning, some of Jesus' friends heard that Jesus' body was not in the tomb any more. Peter and John ran to have a look.

Peter went into the tomb and saw the strips of cloth. He also saw the piece of cloth that had been used to cover Jesus' face. It was rolled up and in a place by itself. John then went into the tomb, and when he saw it, he believed.

He believed that Jesus was alive.

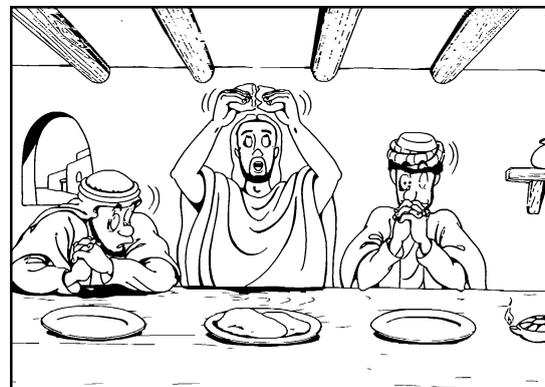
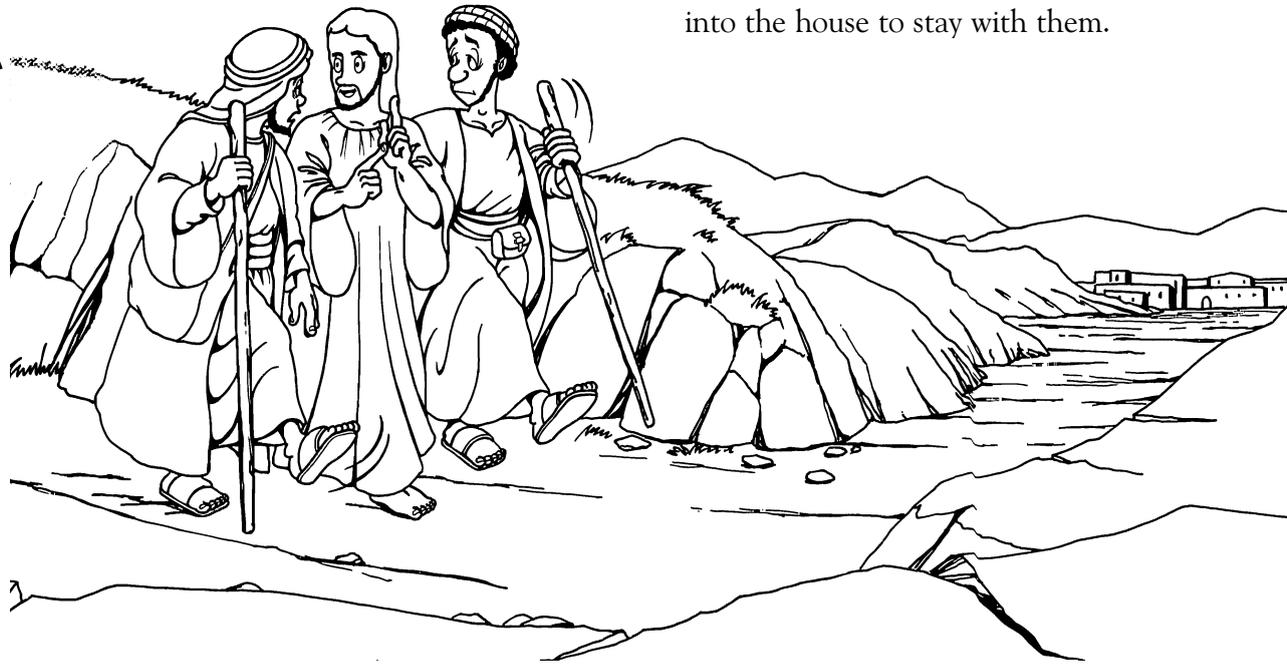
It is Sunday evening and two very sad people are walking home to Emmaus. They are joined by a stranger and invite him to share a meal with them. They tell him what has been happening in Jerusalem since their friend Jesus was killed and buried on Friday.

And then, Surprise! Surprise!! They find out who the stranger really is. Now read on:

That same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to the village of Emmaus, which was about eleven kilometres from Jerusalem. As they were talking and thinking about what had happened, Jesus came near and

started walking along beside them. But they did not know who he was. . . .

When the two of them came near the village where they were going, Jesus seemed to be going farther. They begged him, "Stay with us! It's already late, and the sun is going down." So Jesus went into the house to stay with them.



After Jesus sat down to eat, he took some bread. He blessed it and broke it. Then he gave it to them. At once they knew who he was, but he disappeared. They said to each other, "When he talked with us along the road and explained the Scriptures to us, didn't it warm our hearts?" So they got right up and returned to Jerusalem.



The two disciples found the eleven apostles and the others gathered together. And they learned from the group that the Lord was really alive and had appeared to Peter. Then the disciples from Emmaus told what happened on the road and how they knew he was the Lord when he broke the bread.

While Jesus' disciples were talking about what had happened, Jesus appeared and greeted them. They were frightened and

terrified because they thought they were seeing a ghost. But Jesus said, "Why are you so frightened? Why do you doubt? Look at my hands and my feet and see who I am! Touch me and find out for yourselves. Ghosts don't have flesh and bones as you see I have."

After Jesus said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. The disciples were so glad and amazed that they could not believe it.

This part of the Easter story is found in John's Gospel, chapter 20, verses 6-8 and Luke's Gospel, chapter 24, verses 13-16 and 28-41.

Read the story for yourself in your own Bible.

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