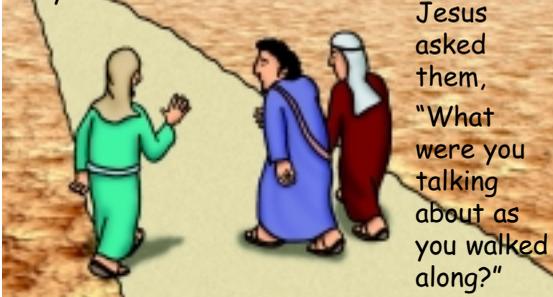


Jesus died on the cross on the first Easter Friday. His friends were very sad. They thought that he was gone for ever.

That Sunday, two of Jesus' disciples were going to the village of Emmaus, which was about 12 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.



Jesus asked them, "What were you talking about as you walked along?"

The two of them stood there looking sad and gloomy. Then the one named Cleopas asked Jesus,



"Are you the only person from Jerusalem who didn't know what was happening there these last few days?"

"What do you mean?" Jesus asked.



They answered:

"Those things that happened to Jesus from Nazareth.

By what he did and said he showed that he was a powerful prophet, who pleased God and all the people..."



They told him what had happened:

Jesus was a special person. He had done great things. Everyone hoped he would do even more. But the leaders had him killed three days ago. And then...

"Some women in our group surprised us. They had gone to the tomb early in the morning, but did not find the body of Jesus.

They came back, saying that they had seen a vision of angels who told them that he is alive.



Some men from our group went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said. But they didn't see Jesus either."



Then Jesus asked the two disciples,

"Why can't you understand? How can you be so slow to believe all that the prophets said?..."



Jesus then explained everything written about himself in the Scriptures, beginning with the Law of Moses* and the Books of the Prophets#.

* The first 5 books of the Old Testament.

The Law and the Prophets were 2 of the 3 sections of the Old Testament, but it sometimes means the whole Old Testament.

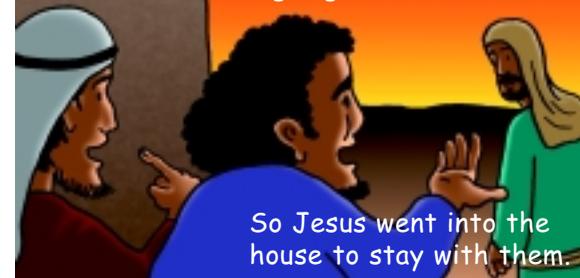
When the two of them came near the village where they were going, Jesus seemed to be going farther.



They begged him,

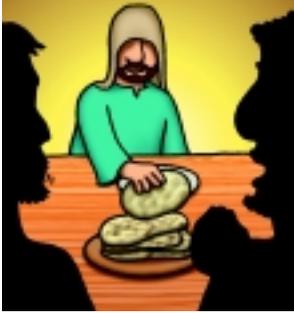
"Stay with us!

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 straight 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 them what happened on the road and how they knew he was the Lord when he broke the bread.



This story is from Luke chapter 24, verses 13-19, 22-24, 25b-33. Read the story for yourself in your own Bible. If you don't have a Bible, you can get one from your nearest Canadian Bible Society bookstore. Ask for the *Contemporary English Version*.

This Scripture Selection was downloaded free of charge from the Canadian Bible Society website: www.biblesociety.ca and is not for commercial use. This publication is for responsible free distribution.

Canadian Bible Society
10 Carnforth Road, Toronto, Ontario M4A 2S4
Tel: (416) 757-4171 Fax: (416) 757-3376
www.biblesociety.ca

CEV890P Text: ©ABS 1995 Artwork: The Bible Society in Australia, Inc.
401001205 ISBN 0-88834-876-2 Printed in Canada CBS-2001-300M

Walking



and Talking!