

## **The Road to Emmaus**

Jesus' friends went into hiding after he died. Although Mary told them that Jesus was alive and that she'd seen him, most of them didn't believe her. Watch this animated film to find out what happened later on Easter Sunday, it's called [The Seriously Surprising Story](#).

You can read the story for yourself on the last page of this resource.

What do you think Cleopas would write in his diary that night?

Or what if he phoned a friend and told them what had just happened? Can you imagine the conversation?



### **Some questions to think about**

I wonder....

Which part of the story you like best?

Which part of the story you think is most important?

Could we take any of the story away and still have all we need?

Where do you fit into the story?

## **Big Questions**

Cleopas and his friend had a good opportunity to talk to Jesus and ask him lots of questions as they walked along the road together.

Imagine you had the chance to ask Jesus (or God, or the Creator of the Universe) any question you liked – what would you ask?

Draw a big question mark on a large sheet of paper. Write down your questions and ask other people in your household to do the same thing.

Whose question is the most interesting?  
Which one is the most challenging?  
Which one leads to the best discussion?



## **New Life**

Christians believe that Jesus is still alive today and that they can talk to him. They believe that he can help them with their problems and that one day they will see him again. They celebrate this at Easter, but also try to remember it every day.

What difference do you think this should make to the way Christians live their lives?

Butterflies are often seen as a symbol of new life, because of the way they are transformed from a caterpillar to a cocoon to a beautiful butterfly. Do you remember the story of [The Very Hungry Caterpillar?](#)

Could you draw or paint your own beautiful butterfly, to remind you that Christians believe that Jesus came back to life and is still here today? Perhaps you could use coloured paper or shiny foil, if you have any at home.



## The Road to Emmaus

Later that same day, two of Jesus' followers were walking along the road from Jerusalem to the village of Emmaus. They were talking together about all the events of the last few days.

As they walked, another man came alongside them. "What are you talking about?" he asked them.

Cleopas looked at the stranger, surprised.

"Surely you must have heard what has happened?" he said. "We were talking about Jesus of Nazareth. We thought he was the saviour God had promised to us. But three days ago, our chief priests and elders had him executed. Then today we have heard that his tomb is empty – they say he has risen from the dead!"

The stranger began to explain all that the prophets had told the people about God's Saviour, about how he had to suffer and die.

It was almost dark when they reached Emmaus.

"Come," said Cleopas to the stranger, "Stay here with us and have something to eat."

As they sat down to share a meal together, the stranger picked up the bread, thanked God for it and broke it.

Suddenly the two friends know who the stranger was. They had been walking and talking with Jesus! But as soon as they recognised him, Jesus disappeared. They left everything and rushed back to Jerusalem to tell the others that Jesus was alive.

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