

# The story of the two travellers... concluded

## The Revelation



**CALVARY:** the scene of the recent crucifixions.

As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther; but they held him back, saying, "Stay with us; the day is almost over and it is getting dark." So he went in to stay with them. He sat down to eat with them, took the bread, and said the blessing; then he broke the bread and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, "Wasn't it like a fire burning in us when he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"

They got up at once and went back to Jerusalem, where they found the eleven disciples gathered together with the others and saying, "The Lord is risen indeed! He has appeared to Simon!"

The two then explained to them what had happened on the road, and how they had recognised the Lord when he broke the bread. (Luke 24:28-35)

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# The message

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What happened in Jerusalem?

Jesus the Messiah died on a cross in order to provide forgiveness of sins. He rose from the dead three days later and appeared to many people. Forty days later he ascended to heaven. Before he left his disciples, he told them,

*"This is what is written: the Messiah must suffer and must rise from death three days later, and in his name the message about repentance and the forgiveness of sins must be preached to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."* (Luke 24:46-48)

**Find out more about Jesus and his message of repentance and forgiveness of sins in the Bible. If you would like more information, ask whoever gave you this leaflet.**



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# Jerusalem Today

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Jesus of Nazareth sighted - Tomb empty

## Don't you know what was happening in Jerusalem?



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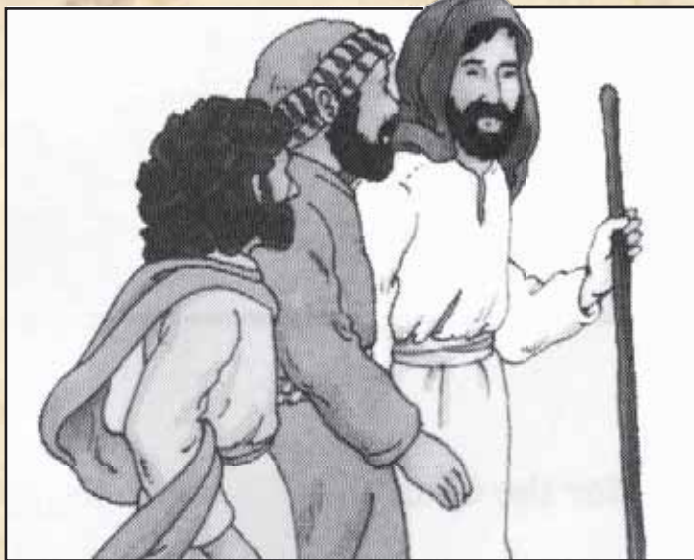
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## The stranger on the way

SUNDAY, ISRAEL – NEAR JERUSALEM



Artist's impression of the three men walking from Jerusalem.

ON that same day two of Jesus' followers were going to a village named Emmaus, about eleven kilometres from Jerusalem, and they were talking to each other about all the things that had happened. As they talked and discussed, Jesus himself drew near and walked along with them; they saw him, but somehow did not recognise him. Jesus said to them, "What are you talking about to each other, as you walk along?"

They stood still, with sad faces. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that have been happening there these last few days?"

"What things?" he asked.

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## The events of the past few days



The possible garden tomb where Jesus of Nazareth was laid after his crucifixion.

"The things that happened to Jesus of Nazareth," they answered. "This man was a prophet and was considered by God and by all the people to be powerful in everything he said and did. Our chief priests and rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and he was crucified. And we had hoped that he would be the one who was going to set Israel free! Besides all that, this is now the third day since it happened. Some of the women of our group surprised us; they went at dawn to the tomb, but could not find his body. They came back saying they had seen a vision of angels who told them that he is alive. Some of our group went to the tomb and found it exactly as the women had said, but they did not see him." (Luke 24.13-24)

## The explanation

Then Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are, how slow you are to believe everything the prophets said! Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and then to enter his glory?" **Continued on the next page...**

### The explanation continued...

And Jesus explained to them what was said about himself in all the Scriptures, beginning with the books of Moses and the writings of all the prophets. (Luke 24.25-27)

## Why was it necessary?

Why did the Messiah have to suffer betrayal, mockery, crucifixion and death and then enter his glory? We do not know all that Jesus shared with the two travellers from the Old Testament, but some reasons can be readily given from the Bible.

### 1 To do God's will

It was God's plan that his Son should come into this world and die for the sins of sinful people.

*"Because Jesus Christ did what God wanted him to do, we were all purified from sin by the offering that he made of his own body once and for all."* (Hebrews 10.10)

### 2 To make it possible for us to come to God

*"But because of our sins he was wounded, beaten because of the evil we did. We are healed by the punishment he suffered, made whole by the blows he received. All of us were like sheep that were lost, each of us going his way. But the LORD made the punishment fall on him, the punishment all of us deserved."* (Isaiah 53.5-6)