[Narrator] In Today's story We get to see two early followers of Jesus as they learn how Jesus surprised them and us. The bible tells us that one of them was named Cleopas, but we don't know who was with him that day. Maybe it was his wife, so we'll call her Ester. The bible says that they were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. The bible also tells us that when they got there they went into a house, so they probably lived there. Alright, enough speculating. Let's see how Jesus surprised them and still surprises us. Let's meet the three people in our story.

First there are Cleopas and Ester. They are walking home to Emmaus. Of course, the other person is Jesus.

[Scene Cleopas and Ester are walking together]

[Cleopas] We're over half way home, I haven't seen anybody in a uniform so I think we are safe from the police and soldiers. It will be good to get home again.

[Ester] But Cleopas, why did it happen this way. When we were with Jesus it was so great. People were sharing, and getting to know and care for each other and he was teaching us so much about how God loves us.

[Jesus walks on]

[Cleopas] Who's that?

[Ester] I don't know, but he looks friendly.

[Jesus joins them]

[Jesus] Hello, would you mind if I walked with you?

[Cleopas] Of course not.

[Jesus] As I was catching up with you I noticed that you seemed to be having a pretty interesting conversation. I'm curious, what were you talking about?

[Ester] We were talking about all the things that went on last week.

[Jesus]What things?

[both Cleopas and Ester look at Jesus]

[Cleopas] Where have you been? We were talking about Jesus of Nazareth, he was a profit, like Elijah or Isaiah accept he lived now and was teaching us so much.

[Ester] We thought he was the messiah that we hear about in the scriptures.

[Cleopas] But our priests turned him over to the Romans and they crucified him. We didn't think that could happen to someone who knew God the way that Jesus did.

[Ester] What is even stranger though is that some women we know came to our little group this morning and told us that Jesus wasn't really dead after all. They went to take care of his body, and it wasn't there. We decided to go home when we heard that, We live in Emmaus, the next village.

[Jesus]But that's what happens to profits isn't it?

[Narrator] So the stranger went on with them, reminding them of how often Moses and God's profits were mistreated and even killed for what they said and did. He got them thinking about how long it often took for people to learn about what God expected of his people and that it was sometimes not easy to live the way that God was trying to show them.

Now the day is nearly over and the three of them are coming to where Cleopas and Ester live.

[Cleopas] Why don't you Come and stay with us tonight. The day is nearly over and you probably have a long way to go.

[Ester] Yes, please stay. If Jesus taught us anything it was to share what we have and to welcome people.

[Narrator] So they went into the house and started dinner. As the guest, the stranger took the bread, brook it and blessed it and as he did Cleopas and Ester looked at him and realized that it was Jesus. Then Jesus disappeared. Ester and Cleopas were very excited, and even though it was late in the day, and they had already walked all the way from Jerusalem to Emmaus they knew that they had to tell their friends what had happened right away. So they ran back to Jerusalem, found Peter and the rest of Jesus' friends and told them the story about how Jesus had surprised them.