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Here in our picture we see Jesus with two of his disciples. We read in the Gospels about their walk to Emmaus. After Jesus arose from the dead, there was much wondering what had become of him. All the people around that country were talking of the things that had happened. It was on the first day of the week, when

Jesus had risen from the dead, that two of his disciples were walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus, and as they talked together, Jesus came near and went with them. He was changed, so they did not know him. Perhaps they were not expecting to see him there, and thought he would look different after his resurrection. As he came up to them he said, "What is it that you are saying to one another, as you

walk and are sad?" Then one of them, Cleopas, answered, "Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, that thou hast not heard of the things which have happened there in these days?" They seemed surprised because everyone did not know about the crucifixion. Of course Jesus did know, but he asked them to explain. Then they told him how Jesus of Nazareth had been crucified by the Jews, and how they had

hoped he had come to set the children of Israel free from the Romans. They told him then, how some of the women of their company had been at the sepulchre, and found him gone, and were told he was alive; and how some of the men had been to see if it were true. They were very earnest, no doubt, in telling of their hopes and fears. Then Jesus told them it was because they did not understand what the prophets