

## Jesus Comes to See His Friends

After that Easter morning, when Jesus Christ rose from the dead, He showed Himself several times to His friends.

One day two of Jesus' disciples were walking along the road toward the village of Emmaus. They were talking about the death of Jesus. They were also talking about the strange news that the women had brought them that Christ was risen. Suddenly a Stranger joined them and walked beside them. The Stranger said: "Why are you so sad? What are you talking about?" They looked at Him and said: "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know these things? Have you not heard the sad things that have happened these last days?" And they told Him all that had happened to Jesus: how Jesus was judged and put to death on the cross, how the women went to the tomb and found it empty, and how the angel told them that Jesus was living. Then the Stranger said: "Oh, how slow you are to understand! Didn't the Bible tell you what would happen to the Savior?" Then He explained to them everything that was said in the holy books about Jesus Christ; He explained to them how Jesus would suffer, die, and rise from the dead.

When they entered the village, the two disciples asked the Stranger to have supper with them. As they were about to eat, the Stranger took a loaf of bread and broke it and gave it to them. He broke the bread the same way Jesus Christ had broken it at the Last Supper. And their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, but Jesus disappeared from their eyes.

"Did not our hearts burn within us, when He talked to us?" they asked each other. Then they hurried back to Jerusalem. They found the other disciples and said to them: "The Lord is risen indeed!"

Jesus Christ came to see and speak to the disciples when they were all gathered together. The disciple Thomas was not there when Jesus came. So, when later, they told Thomas about this, he would not believe them. He said: "If I do not

touch His wounds with my own fingers, I shall not believe it."  
Eight days later Jesus came again when Thomas was with  
them and said: "Come here, Thomas, touch My wounds with  
your fingers and believe." But Thomas could only say: "My  
Lord and my God."