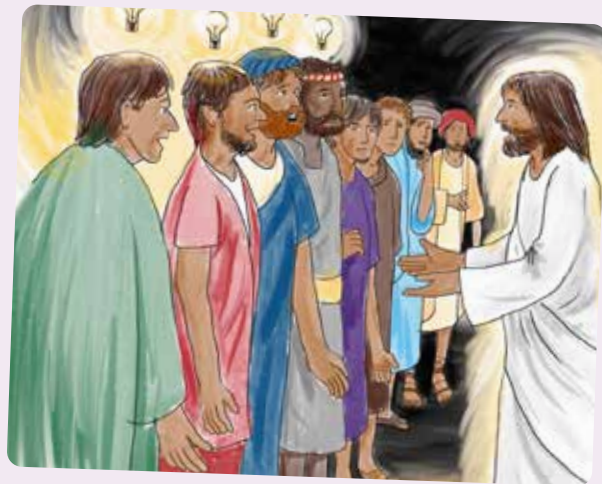


As Cleopas was telling the eleven disciples and their friends about the traveller who had talked with him on the road to Emmaus, Jesus appeared in the room with them. He said: 'Peace be with you!' They were shocked and terrified. * They thought he was a ghost. Jesus said to the disciples, 'Why are you so scared and fearful? Look at the scars on my hands and my feet. It's me, Jesus! Touch me and see. A ghost wouldn't have flesh and bones.' He showed them his hands and feet. They were joyful but confused. While they were still wondering, Jesus asked, 'Do you have anything to eat?' They gave him a piece of cooked fish and he ate it in front of them.

After he had eaten, Jesus said to them, 'These are the things that I was telling you about when we were together: how everything written about me in the Scriptures – the law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms – would come true.' Then Jesus explained everything to them and opened their minds to understand. The disciples felt calm; things seemed clearer now.



He told them, 'It is written in the Scriptures that the Messiah will die, * but after three days he will rise from the dead. And the good news, forgiveness of sins for those who repent, will be announced in his name to everyone, starting from here, Jerusalem.' Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are witnesses to all these things that are now happening.'

Luke 24:36b-48

* See *Share the Word*.