

“The Visitor on the Road to Emmaus”

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What This scene depicts the story from Luke 24:13-35, "On the Road to Emmaus." After Jesus' death and resurrection, some of His followers encounter Jesus as a weary traveler.

Themes: Faith, Easter, He is Risen, Resurrection, Belief, Kids Ministry

Who Mary Magdalene
Mary
Joanna
Rebecca
Cleopus
Lydia
Jesus
Disciples

When Bible Times

**Wear
(Props)** 3 Small Wooden Boxes (or glass bottles)
4 Plates
Bread
Bible costumes for each character

Why Luke 24:13-35

How This is a simple scene that is easy to stage. On one side of stage is a table with a bench or seats. On the table are plates and bread. The other side of the stage could have trees or a backdrop of sky and fields or a road.

Time Approximately 5 minutes

At start of scene, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary enter. They all carry small boxes or bottles.

Mary M: I can hardly believe what we saw at Jesus's tomb.

Joanna: We came to anoint Jesus's body with spices.

Mary: But the stone in front of the tomb had been rolled away.

Joanna: Jesus's body was gone!

Mary M: Most surprising of all was when the angels appeared to us and told us Jesus had risen from the dead.

Mary: We must tell the other followers what we saw and heard.

Mary M: Yes, we must. What Jesus told us would happen has come to pass. Jesus is alive. He has risen from the dead!

They all exit. Lights dim then come up further down the road, where Cleopus, Lydia, and Rebecca enter.

Rebecca: What a sad day it is indeed. Jesus, our savior, is gone.

Cleopus: We must continue to spread his message of love.

Lydia: It's hard to spread a message of love when I feel so sad.

Rebecca: Cleopus is right. Jesus would want us to spread his message of God's eternal love for us all.

Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary enter excitedly.

Mary: You'll never guess what has happened!

Rebecca: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary, what brings you here on this somber day?

Cleopus: And why are you so excited?

Joanna: We just came from Jesus's tomb.

Mary: Jesus was gone!

Lydia: Gone?

Mary M: When we arrived to anoint Jesus' body with spices and oils, we saw that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb.

Rebecca: How could that be? No man could move such a heavy stone.

Mary M: When we looked inside the tomb, we found two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning.

Joanna: They were angels!

Mary M: They told us not to look for the living among the dead.

Mary: They said "He is not here. He is risen!"

Mary M: They reminded us of Jesus's own words when he told us that he would be crucified and buried and on the third day would be raised again.

Cleopus: That can't be true.

Lydia: That is nonsense.

Joanna: But we are telling the truth. I swear. Jesus has risen!

Rebecca: We must send Peter to go and examine the tomb for himself. He will get the answers we seek.

All exit. Lights dim. Moments later lights come back up where Rebecca, Lydia, and Cleopus enter.

Cleopus: Do you think the women were telling the truth?

Lydia: Could Jesus really have risen from the dead?

Jesus enters behind them, unseen.

Rebecca: I don't know. Peter went to the tomb where he found the stone rolled away from the opening and the tomb empty. All he found were the strips of cloth that had covered Jesus's body.

Cleopus: So where could Jesus's body have gone?

Lydia: Maybe Mary Magdalene and the others were right. Maybe Jesus is alive once more.

Rebecca: I just don't know.

Jesus: What are you talking about?

Rebecca: (*not recognizing Jesus*) We are talking about our Savior, Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus: What about this Jesus?

Cleopus: Are you the only man in Jerusalem who hasn't heard all that has happened in the last three days?

Jesus: What things do you speak of?

Rebecca: Jesus was a great man who spoke the word of God and who did many wonderful deeds.

Lydia: But our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death and they crucified him.

Cleopus: It has been three days since he died.

Rebecca: Some of the women went to Jesus' tomb early this morning and found it empty. They came and told us they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive.

Cleopus: The angels reminded them that Jesus had said he would rise again after three days.

Jesus: And did you believe what these women told you?

Lydia: We are not sure what to believe.

Jesus: How foolish you all are! Jesus himself told you what would come to pass. Yet when these women saw his body was missing, you still don't believe that he has risen from the dead?

Rebecca: You must understand, people don't just rise from the dead.

Cleopus: The women must have been mistaken.

Jesus: Your Savior has been gone for only three days and already you have forgotten his teachings. *(Shakes his head in disbelief then starts to walk past him)* Perhaps I will find some true believers farther on down the road.

Rebecca: It's getting late and you must be tired and hungry. *(Points to table)* Why don't you join us for some food before you continue on your journey?

Jesus: I would like that very much. *(Crosses to table and sits down. Rebecca, Cleopus, and Lydia sit down on either side of him)* Let us give thanks for this food. *(Picks up the bread as all bow their heads in prayer)* Father, thank you for this food you have given us. Help it nourish our minds and spirits so that we may be open to receiving your many blessings. Amen.

All raise their heads and look at Jesus as he breaks the bread.

Lydia: *(recognizing him)* Jesus! It's you.

Cleopus: You really are alive!

Rebecca: It's a miracle. Jesus was dead but he has risen. We must tell the others.

Rebecca, Lydia, and Cleopus cross away from the table and call out. As they do, lights dim on the table. Jesus disappears.

Rebecca: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary, come quickly!

Lydia: Jesus has risen!

Cleopus: We have seen him with our own eyes!

Claps his hands in prayer as Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary enter. Lights come up on table.

Mary: Where is he?

Joanna: Where is Jesus?

Rebecca: He was just here. I swear it.

Mary M: It is not important that he is here seated at this table, but that he is in our lives. What he has told us has come true—he has risen from the dead. And because of his sacrifice we are free from our sins.

Rebecca: Now we must proclaim it to the world. Jesus has risen!

All: *(exclaiming excitedly)* Jesus has risen!

End of scene.