

## Back from Emmaus

### Characters:

Cleopas

Unnamed Disciple

John

### Props:

You'll need two walking sticks and a Bible-times costume for each person.

### Instructional Drama

*Cleopas and his companion run into the room at breakneck speed, eager and excited.*

**Cleopas:** "Peter! Andrew! James! Has anyone seen the 12...I mean the 11?"

**Unnamed:** "Matthew! John! Philip! Where could they be Cleopas?"

**Cleopas:** "Has anyone seen them? They must still be hiding."

**Unnamed:** "Oh, we must find them! We must tell them!"

*John enters from the other direction, also running.*

**John:** What are you two doing here? We thought you'd left for Emmaus. You'll never guess what's happened...

**Unnamed:** Well, we did leave for Emmaus. But you'll never guess what's happened to us! Tell him, Cleopas.

**Cleopas:** We were on our way, walking along, not very fast. (*Imitates plodding along with his head down.*)

**Unnamed:** Right, because we were so depressed.

**Cleopas:** Downcast

**Unnamed:** Despondent

**Cleopas:** We were sad.

**Unnamed:** Because Jesus had been killed. Jesus, the man we had followed. Jesus, the wonderworker. Jesus, the mighty prophet, the messiah who would finally save us from these Romans.

**Cleopas:** So we were walking along to Emmaus veeerrrry slowly, and talking about it.

**Unnamed:** And then...! (*Pauses in a rapture of joy*)

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**John:** And then what?

**Cleopas:** And then He drew near to us on the road and walked with us.

**Unnamed:** It was Jesus, but we didn't recognize Him.

**Cleopas:** He explained the Scriptures to us, how the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into His glory. Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted to us what referred to Him in all the Scriptures.

**Unnamed:** By the time He'd explained all the parts of the Scriptures that talked about Him, we were almost to the village of Emmaus. He acted like He was going to keep walking farther, past the village, but we urged Him to stay with us.

**Cleopas:** So He came in to eat with us.

**Unnamed:** And then...! *(Pauses in another rapture of joy)*

**John:** And then what?

**Cleopas:** And then He took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to us... just like He did on the night before He died!

**Unnamed:** And then we knew that it was Him! We recognized Him!

**Cleopas:** But he vanished!

**Unnamed:** And we said to ourselves, "Weren't our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"

**Cleopas:** So we rushed back here to Jerusalem, running the whole seven miles! We just had to tell you the good news!

**John:** Well, we have good news too! Jesus has also appeared to Simon! Come with me! We have good news to share! Jesus is alive, and here with us still!