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## INTRODUCTION



TOTALLY DEJECTED, TWO of them decided to walk home. Their poverty did not allow a donkey. It would be seven miles and less than safe as the dusk gathered, but what was there to stay for? Three years of hope, three years of long walks and careful instruction had ended on Friday. The teacher had been executed.

As they struck out north through the city gates and beyond the crumbling walls, a stranger approached them, raising his eyebrows in question.

“Yes, you can walk with us.” It was dangerous alone, and three would certainly be better than just two. They plodded on in silence for the space of half an hour.

“So why the gloom and doom?”

“When did you come to town?” one asked. “The prophet, he died on Friday. We thought he was the Promised One.” The sad story all tumbled out—teacher, healer, friend, three wonderful years. There was to be hope for the downtrodden, blessing for the nation, maybe promotion for themselves.

“Now He is dead, truly dead. He is cold and buried. Another very disturbing thing, some of the girls in His following went early to the tomb this morning, and His body has been stolen.”