## Chester Cycle 1572/2010

## Play 18

## The Road to Emmaus

Cast: LUKE, CLEOPHAS, JESUS, ANDREW, PETER, THOMAS

LUKE	Alas, now joy is gone away. Mourn my master ever I may that is now enclosed under clay, That puts my heart in care.	
5	Sorrow and sighing, the truth to say, makes me half dead, that is no nay. When I think on him both night and day for grief I mourn and stare.	denying
CLEOPHAS 10 15	Yea, much mirth was in me my sweet sovereign when I might see, and his pleasant teaching with lee, that now so low is laid. Brother, now is days three since he was nail-ed on the tree, Lord, could he risen be,	delight
	as he before hath said?	
LUKE 20	Dear brother Cleophas, to know that were a strange case. Since he through heart wounded was, how should he live again?	
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CLEOPHAS	If that he godhead in him has and come to buy man's trespass, he may rise through his own grace and his death to us gain.	
LUKE 26	A difficult thing it is to me to have belief it should so be, how he should rise in days three such wonders never was wist.	
CLEOPHAS 30	Sooth thou sayest, now well I see, Believe may I not by my lewty! But God may of his majesty do whatsoever him list.	faith
	Then Jesus shall come in the dress of a pilgrim and shall speak to	them.
JESUS	Good men, if your will were,	
35	tell me in good manner of your talking – that together, of your woe know I would.	
CLEOPHAS 40	Ah, sir, it seems to us here a pilgrim thou art, as can appear. Tidings and tales all entire they may hear what is told	
40	thou may hear – what is told	
	in Jerusalem that other day. Thou, who walkest many a way, may thou not hear what men do say	

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	wherever thou yede?		go	
JESUS	What are those? Tell me,	I thee pray.		
LUKE	Of Jesus of Nazareth, tru a prophet to each man's and wise in word and dee	pay	delight	
50	To God and Man wise wa but bishops – cursed ma damned him and nailed I that wrong never yet wro	y they be him on a tree,		
CLEOPHAS	Indeed, before thought w			
55	that Israel he should hav and out of pain through the people he should hav	his posty	power	
LUKE	Yes, sir, now is the third since they made this affr and some women at the	ay,		
60	and some women at the were early in the morn and frightened us foul, tr They told us he was stole and angels, as they can s the sepulchre were sitting	ruly. en away, say,		
CLEOPHAS 66	Yes, sir, these women wh said he was risen obvious and some men of our cor thither at once did go	sly,		
70	and found it so, as is told And they said so, neither And yet our hearts are fu lest it be not so.	less nor more.	of old	
JESUS	Ah! fools, and feeble in g		faith	
75	Slow to believe unto God The prophets before can believe you on this truly that it needs be alway	thus say 	law	
80	Christ to suffer death, th and to joy that lasteth ay bring Man through his m	7		
85	And first at Moses to beg what he saith I shall you that God was a bush with that burned constantly, a The bush was damaged r	min: hin as him thought;	remind	
00	What was that but Maid that bore Jesus sinlessly that Man hath now forbo	Mary	redeemed	
90	Also Isaiah said this: "As a woman comforts, iv her child that hath done to amend, believe ye me,	amiss		
95	so God would Man recon through his mercy, in go and in Jerusalem in bitte forbought they should be	od manner, er were	distress redeemed	

CLEOPHAS	Ah, Lord give thee good grace, for greatly comforted me thou has!	
100	Go with us to this place. A castle is hereby.	
JESUS	Now, good men, truly to say, I have to go a great way. Therefore at this time I not may, But I thank you heartily.	
LUKE 106	Sir you shall in all manner dwell with us at our supper, for now night approacheth near. Tarry here for anything.	
	Then Jesus shall go with them to the village.	
CLEOPHAS 110	Now God forbid that we were so uncourteous to you here for, save my lovely Lord of lere, thy teaching is most liking.	countenance
LUKE	Sit down, sir, here, I you pray,	
115	and take a morsel if you may, for you have walked a great way since today at noon.	
JESUS 120	Gramercy, good men, truly. To bless this bread, sooth to say, I will at once in good array rightly you before.	
	Then he shall break the bread and shall say:	
	Eat on, men, and that gladly in the name of the God Almighty, for this bread blessed have I that I give you this day.	
	Then Jesus shall vanish.	
LUKE 126	Gramercy, sir, certainly! Now counsel I you be right merry. What! Where is he that sat us by? Alas, he is away!	
CLEOPHAS 130	Alas, alas, alas, alas! This was Jesus in this place. By breaking the bread I knew his face, but nothing there before.	
LUKE	A burning heart in us he made,	
135	for while he with us here was to know him we might have no grace, for all his pleasing lore.	teaching
CLEOPHAS	Go we, brother, and that anon, and tell our brethren every one. How our master is from us gone,	
140	yea, truly we may say.	

LUKE	Yea, we may make our moan that sat with him in great wone and we no knowledge had him upon till he was passed away.	hope
The	en they shall go to the other disciples assembled together in anothe	er place.
CLEOPHAS 146	Ah, rest well, brethren, one and all. great wonder is us befall! Our Lord and we were in a hall and him yet knew not we.	
ANDREW 150	Yea, believe thou well this, Cleophas, that he is risen that dead was and to Peter appeared has this day openly.	
LUKE	With us he was a long fit,	
155	and undid his Holy Writ; and yet our wits were so knit that him we might not know.	
CLEOPHAS	Now surely away was all my wit till the bread was broken each bit; and anon when he brake it	
160	he vanished in a throw.	
PETER	Now we brethren all together, I advise we hide us somewhere here, that Jews meet us not in no manner for malice, believe ye me.	
ANDREW 166	Stay we here in this place. Peradventure God will show us grace to see our Lord in little space and comforted for to be.	
	Then they shall all go within the hall, and Jesus shall come, stan in the midst of his disciples; and then he shall speak.	ding
JESUS 170	Peace among you, brethren fair! Yea, dread you nought in no manner. I am Jesus, without were, that died on rood-tree.	doubt
PETER	Ah, what is he that comes here	
175	to this fellowship all together as he to me now can appear? A ghost methink I see.	
JESUS	Brethren, why are ye so afraid for nought and troubled in heart for feeble thought?	radaamad
180	I am he that hath you forbought and died for Man's good. My feet, my hands you may see; and know the truth also may ye, truly that I am he that dead was upon a rood.	redeemed
185	Handle me, both all and one, and believe well this, every one: that ghost hath neither flesh nor bone	

as you see now on me.

ANDREW Ah, Lord, much joy is us upon! 190 But what he is I know not nor can. JESUS Now since you believe I am no man, more signs you shall see. Have you any meat here? PETER Yea, my Lord beloved and dear, roasted fish and honey together! 195 Thereof we have good won. plenty JESUS Eat we then in good manner. Thus now you know without were doubt that ghost to eat hath no power, 200 as you shall see anon. Then Jesus shall eat, and shall give (food) to his disciples. JESUS Brethren, I told you before when I was with you not before an hour, an hour ago that of necessity both less and more must fulfilled be 205 in Moses' Law as written were. and all other prophets that until now were. Is fulfilled in good manner what was said of me. For this was written in prophecy: 210 that I must suffer death needily of necessity and the third day with victory rise in good array and preach remission of sin unto all men that his name doth min. call to mind 215 Therefore, all ye that be herein, think on what I say. Then Jesus shall vanish, and the disciples shall go to Bethany; and, meeting Thomas, Peter shall speak. PETER Ah, Thomas! Tidings good and new! We have seen the Lord Jesu THOMAS Shall I never believe that this is true, 220 by God Omnipotent, but I see in his hands two holes the nails in can go, and put my finger eke also where in the nails went. ANDREW Thomas, go we all together for dread of enemies. Better were 226 than Jews should have us in their power and all our fraternity. THOMAS Wherever you go, brethren dear, 230 I will go with you in good manner; but this talk you tell me here I believe not till I see.

PETER	Now, Thomas, be thou not away			
235	and perchance see him thou may and feel him also, truly, as we have done before.			
THOMAS 240	Wherever you be, I will be ay; but make me believe this thing verray trouble you not! Therefore I you pray to speak of that no more.			
	Then they shall all go to the house and shall lie do And suddenly Jesus shall appear, saying:	own.		
JESUS	Peace, my brethren, both one and all! Come hither, Thomas, to thee I call. Show forth, for ought that may befall, thy hand, and put in here.	no matter what happens		
245	And see my hands and my feet, and put in thy hand – thou not let. My wounds are yet fresh and wet as they first were.	refuse		
250	And be thou no more so dreading but ever truly believing.			
	And he shall reach out his hand into the side and the wo	ounds.		
THOMAS	My God, my Lord, my Christ, My King! Now believe I without doubting.			
JESUS	Yea, Thomas, thou seest now in me.			
255	Thou believest now that I am he. But blessed must they all be that believe and never see			
260	that I am that same body that born was of meek Mary and on a cross your souls did buy upon Good Friday. Whoso to this will consent that I am God Omnipotent as well as they that be present my darlings shall be ay.	always		
265	Whoso to this will not consent ever to the Day of Judgement, in Hell-fire they shall be brent and ever in sorrow and teen.	burned torment		
270	Whosoever on my Father hath any mind or of my mother in any kind In Heaven-bliss they shall it find without any woe.	remembrance		
	[to the audience]			
275	Christ give you grace to take the way unto that joy that lasteth ay, for there is no night but ever day for all you thither shall go.			