Jesus’ followers could hardly believe it. “We have seen the Lord!”

They were full of joy, but they were not full of understanding.
They could see Jesus with their eyes, but they could not see why he had to die and rise again.

And so . . .
Jesus opened up God’s holy book that had been written long ago. He started with the books of Moses and then the Prophets and the Psalms. He showed them everything that was written there about him.
In it were many word pictures that proved he must die to pay the penalty for sin.
In it were many pictures that promised he would rise again.
Jesus’ followers were amazed as they listened and as they read.

Before, they had said, “We have seen the Lord!”

But now they could read God’s holy book and say,
“Even here, especially here, we have seen the Lord!”
Jesus taught them carefully because he knew the day was coming when people would no longer see him with their eyes. They would read of him instead.

He knew God’s holy book would help others to believe and say, “We have seen the Lord!” And they too would be full of joy.
Do you see the Lord?
Painted on the pages of Israel’s hard and happy history is the big picture of God’s forever king.