

## "ANGELS IN DISGUISE???"

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Katy went to her mail box and there was only one letter. She picked it up and looked at it before opening, but then she looked at the envelope again. There was no stamp, no postmark, only her name and address. She read the letter:

Dear Katy,

I'm going to be in your neighborhood around supper time and I am planning on stopping by and visiting with you.

Love Unceasingly,  
Jesus

Her hands were shaking as she placed the letter on the table. "Why would the Lord want to visit me? I'm nobody special. I don't have anything to offer." With that thought, Katy remembered her empty kitchen cabinets.

"Oh my goodness, I really don't have anything to offer. I'll have to run down to the store and buy something for dinner." She reached for her purse and counted out its contents. Seven dollars and ten cents. "Well, I can get some bread and cold cuts, at least." She threw on her coat and hurried out the door. A loaf of French bread, a half-pound of sliced turkey, and a carton of milk...leaving Katy with grand total of eight cents to last her until next week, when her widow's check would arrive. Still, she felt good as she headed home, her meager offerings tucked under her arm.

"Hey lady, can you help us, lady?" Katy had been so absorbed in her dinner plans, she hadn't even noticed two figures huddled in the alleyway... a man and a woman, both of them dressed in little more than rags. "Look lady, I ain't got a job, ya know, and my wife and I have been living out here on the street, and, well, now it's getting cold and we're getting kinda hungry - and well, if you could help us lady, we'd really appreciate it."

Katy looked at them both. They were dirty, they smelled bad and frankly, she was certain that they could get some kind of work if they really wanted to. "Sir, I'd like to help you, but I'm a poor widow myself. All I have is a few cold cuts and some bread, and I'm having an important guest for dinner tonight and I was planning on serving that to Him."

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