

## “Maestro Jesus”

Today we have a Gospel favorite: the story of “The Road to Emmaus.” It is always captivating to read how the disciples’ spirits range from “*downcast*” to “*hearts burning within us*” as they listened to Jesus, and ultimately recognized Him in the breaking of the bread.

But one of my favorite parts of the story is near the beginning when Cleopas asks Jesus, “*Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?*” Jesus plays along with a leading question, “*What sort of things?*” The irony is palpable. They are dismayed that Jesus doesn’t seem to know of the great drama that played out in Jerusalem over the past few days, when of course He was the central Figure. Yes, He knew intimately what had taken place in the narrow earthly sense they implied; but He was about to open their eyes to what happened in the macro spiritual sense



as well -- foretold for many centuries and played out with the poise and finesse of a Maestro directing a world-class symphony orchestra: Jesus Christ as Victim, High Priest, Prophet and King! Checkmate Satan! What we wouldn’t give to hear that narrative, that summation of prophetic Scripture from the mouth of Christ!

We love this story, yet sometimes in our lives we still wonder if God is not paying attention to what’s going on... Pandemic fears, economic uncertainty, family struggles, churches largely closed, wandering flocks... Know that Christ asks us on our road today (and every day, and as if He doesn’t already know...), “*What sort of things*” concern you? Sit with Him in prayer, in Scripture meditation, in Adoration. Pour your heart out to Christ, but then listen and allow Him to put your mind at ease, to quell your fears, to open your eyes and set your heart aflame! For He is every bit the Maestro in control of today’s world as He was 2,000 years ago...!

Peace,

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