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**CONSCIENCES** **FOR** **FAITHFUL**  
**CITIZENSHIP**

*With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?"*

*So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

**Reflection on the Gospel:**

- Jesus is present among us even when we cannot see him or recognize him.
- The relationship between the travelers on the road teaches us something about how we can be present to one another, even in difficult moments.
- Jesus stays with them in their moment of need. He is very intentionally present, showing them he cares through listening and accompanying these disciples. They are scared and disappointed since they just witnessed the death of Jesus but do not yet know what to make of the news of the Resurrection.
- Jesus speaks truth to them with love in their moment of darkness.
- Upon recognizing Jesus, they immediately get up and evangelize the others about it. They recognize, almost instinctually, that this experience of recognizing Jesus requires them to do something, to tell someone, to move beyond themselves into their community.

**Applications:**

- We hear the voice of God in many ways, sometimes like that of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Someone is speaking truth to us and we have a hard time recognizing this truth.
- Especially in a time when we can be unsure of what sources to trust, or who is genuinely sharing good news with us, we can withdraw—afraid of disagreement or uncertainty.
- However, we are called to be like the disciples on the road to Emmaus. We can listen carefully with the ears of our hearts as we encounter Jesus in our brothers and sisters and their stories and experiences.