

JESUS ISTE CANTATOR PSALMORUM
"JESUS HIMSELF, THE SINGER OF THE PSALMS"

Augustine

Why do the nations rebel
and the peoples plot in vain?

² The kings of the earth take their stand,
and the rulers conspire together
against the Lord and His Anointed One:

³ "Let us tear off their chains
and free ourselves from their restraints."

⁴ The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
the Lord ridicules them.

⁵ Then He speaks to them in His anger
and terrifies them in His wrath:

⁶ "I have consecrated My King
on Zion, My holy mountain."

⁷ I will declare the Lord's decree:
He said to Me, "You are My Son;
today I have become Your Father.

⁸ Ask of Me,
and I will make the nations Your inheritance
and the ends of the earth Your possession.

⁹ You will break them with a rod of iron;
You will shatter them like pottery."

¹⁰ So now, kings, be wise;
receive instruction, you judges of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the Lord with reverential awe
and rejoice with trembling.

¹² Pay homage to the Son or He will be angry
and you will perish in your rebellion,
for His anger may ignite at any moment.
All those who take refuge in Him are happy.

Psalm 2

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BLESSED ARE ALL

With the shadow of the cross casting darkness upon their paths and their minds, two disciples began walking the dusty path. Their steps were slow – worn, weary, dragging. Though only seven miles from the Temple, that day the road to Emmaus seemed like seven hundred miles long. Their hopes and dreams for the Messiah had been seized as surely as Rome had seized control.

Expressing their dismay to a stranger who joined them on the Way, the stranger replied, "How slow you are to believe. Did not the Messiah have to suffer and then enter His glory?"

Beginning with Moses and the Prophets, He explained what the Scriptures said about Himself.

Their eyes were opened and they asked, "Weren't our hearts burning while He talked and opened the Scriptures to us?"

And all the world is blessed.

