

## SERIES: THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

Christ the King, 11/24/24

John 18:33-38

- I. What is a King?
  - Ruler
  - Monarch – from Greek meaning “one, single rule
  - Your Royal Highness - signifies superiority
  - Sovereign – from Latin meaning “above”
  - Head of State – in charge of everything
  
- II. Christ as King
  - Messiah and Christos = the Anointed One of God
  - Jewish didn’t do what the Jewish leaders thought the Messiah would do
    - He didn’t try to overthrow the Romans
    - He said his kingdom did not belong to this world
    - His realm is the spiritual realm of people’s interior life
  
- III. The Interior Realm
  - Our thoughts, feelings, and attitudes
  - We are subject to both positive and negative influences
  - Christ wants to reign over our interior self
  - His words, his instruction, and his Spirit transform us from within to resist negative influences and embrace the positive ones

*A better way to live is to think, “What is the next right thing for me to do, the next good thing I could do to help someone else?”*

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

John 18:33-38 - Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup> Pilate

replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” <sup>38</sup> Pilate asked him, “What is truth?”

Ephesians 6:11-12 - Put on the whole armor of God... for our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Pope Pius XI Encyclical (1925) - *Christ must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, ‘as instruments of justice unto God.’*

Prayer for Surrender to Christ’s Kingship:

Lord Jesus, King of Kings, renew in me allegiance to Your Kingship. I pray for the grace to place You above the powers of this world in all things.

O Prince of Peace, may Your reign be complete in my life and in the life of the world. Christ, my King, as I reflect on your coming as a babe in a manger, I pray that I will surrender more of myself to your reign.

I pray that You will reign in my mind, and change how I think.

I pray that You will reign in my heart, and change how I feel.

I pray that You will reign in my will, and change what I desire.

I pray that You will reign in my body, and change how I act.

I pray that You will reign in every area of my life, and that You will reign throughout all the world. AMEN.