

November 24th 2024 Sunday Feast of Christ the King–Year B John 18:33-37

^{18:33}Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵Pilate 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?' ³⁶Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from 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.' ³⁷Pilate 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.'

<p>➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life.</p>	<p>➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition.</p> <p>➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do).</p>
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In this week's gospel we are invited to discover or maybe re-discover the power of Jesus, how it works and what are its effects, so that we can celebrate it. We can experience the 'Jesus Way' of exercising power- the divine way. Note that the authority of Pilate came from position & power. The authority of Jesus came from his integrity and what he stood for. What type of power do you exercise in your life?

Is it the power of truth, honesty and forgiveness, with no frills - 'Jesus way'?

Prayer:

Thank You Lord that you showed us in Jesus the true meaning of power. He exercised his power by coming among us as a companion sharing our terrible experiences of life. He experienced all we will ever experience on the cross - loneliness, jeering and great pain.

Forgive us Lord for rejecting others because they think or act in a different way to us. Let us not judge them but help them to experience in a 'Jesus Way' the gift of His Love & Forgiveness

Help us Lord

by contemplating Jesus on Calvary - a King with no throne - to show people who feel excluded their great value, a person with no house or friends - just himself and the good thief in their integrity willing each other into paradise