

### 34th Week of Ordinary Time - Christ the King

- I. Have you ever wanted to be King or Queen
- Imagine → Throne, Clothes, Food, Bowing – kinda cool.
  - But, I couldn't think of a King that didn't have problems?
    - King George and our Revolution
    - Camelot & King Arthur
    - Even Lion King – Mustafa & Scar
- II. Korean Kings 1800s
- Would light a large beacon on a hilltop in Seoul – all was well
  - Neighboring villages would see the light and flash the news to the furthest village – all was well in the capital.
    - Enemies could be plotting – evil could be trying
    - BUT THE KING WAS IN THE PALACE – all was well
- III. Gospel of John – Jesus stands before Pilate – ARRESTED
- Other Gospels have Jesus silent – John has Jesus explain his Kingdom
  - He admits to being a King – but not of this world  
(A King whose subjects belong to the truth.)
    - Doesn't sound like a beaten, defeated man about to die
    - Jesus tells Pilate:
      - The reason I came into the world “To testify to truth”
      - The Truth is – WE ARE BELOVED no matter what
        - DO WE KNOW THAT?
        - DO WE BELIEVE THAT?
          - World is tough – we get rejected
          - But Jesus says:
          - “Everyone who belongs to truth hears my voice”
    - From Pilate, Jesus went to the cross – passion and death
    - & Resurrection
    - THE KING IS IN THE PALACE AND ALL IS WELL
- Enemies could be plotting – Sin tries to defeat it  
BUT THE KING IS IN PLACE AND ALL IS WELL
- Where's the Palace? – JC says the kingdom is not of this world.
    - Not in an unbelieving world – IN BELIEVERS
    - CHRIST reigns in hearts of believers – OUR HEARTS!  
The Kingdom of God is within **us**!
- IV. Second reading from Revelation says:  
“He has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us into a kingdom”
- We **are** freed from sin
    - We **are** covered in His blood
    - We **are** a new kingdom mentioned in revelation
- AND THE KING IS IN HIS PALACE