

Christ the King – A

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“Jesus said, when the Son of Man comes ...
Then the King will say ...”

Wait a minute
Where did the King come from?
This is the 1st time SON = KING
No more parables – speaking plainly

- I. Today’s gospel is about judgment – pure and simple
- Sheep on the right Goats on the left
 - Why are sheep good and goats bad?
Goats on Day of Atonement – 2 goats, 1 sacrificed, 1 cast off (scapegoat)
 - Preachers don’t talk much about sin and final judgment – but here it is
 - Eventually we *will* be judged – will it be heaven – or hell?
 - If you good – take care of the weak – you’re sheep – go to heaven.
 - Do bad – ignore the weak – you’re goats – go to hell.

If I asked you ...

- Good to the poor – even once – you’d all raise your hand SHEEP
- Ignored the poor – even once – you’d all raise your hand GOATS
So what’s the deal?
We’re God’s goats – now what? We need help – we need Jesus.

II. Let’s get back to the Gospel, page 259

- Where do the sheep go? - Kingdom prepared for you “from the foundation of the world” (What kind of Kingdom?)
- Where do the goats go? - Eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
(Prepared for who?)
FROM CREATION we have been destined for the Kingdom
Hell wasn’t created for us – Hell is for the devil and his angels.

We CAN choose “not God” - & God will honor our choice.
BUT – we are created for the Kingdom!

III. Combine this with Ez.

In the 1st reading God promises to be our Shepherd - we are the lost sheep

in need of shelter – food – clothing – healing
God seeks us out – *God takes the initiative and actively seeks us out*
Because, from Creation we are the beloved
From Creation we are destined for heaven
The only reason we are able to serve the weak, the hungry, the lost
Is because we were hungry and lost and Good Shepherd found us
As God’s Goats we know salvation comes thru forgiveness of sin
And as God’s Goats we are called to bring Good News to others