

Christ the King – C

Today is the feast of “Christ the King”

I like the Christ the King Image – Sitting on the Throne

- A. In control – Powerful – Ruler of all
- B. Then this Gospel – Christ the King is on the cross
- C. THIS is the image of Christ the King
 - 1. Not Victorious
 - 2. Jesus, in the midst of the battle – encountering death
 - 3. Look at what Jesus does – in the midst of dying
 - i. Ministers to the Good Thief

A. **My friends - We** are just like the Good Thief

- WE are good – but we sin
- AND JESUS MINISTERS TO US JUST LIKE THE THIEF
 - The King seeks us out and forgives us
 - Promises that today we can be with Him in Paradise
 - Spiritual Paradise
 - Forgiven – Redeemed – Sanctified
 - Washed in the blood of the lamb
 - Jesus – the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world
 - Jesus – the King

IV Jesus rules from the Cross – and now He rules from heaven

- **But** Jesus comes to us looking for another throne
- Jesus wants to reign in our hearts
- No matter what you’ve done, where we’ve been, how we’ve lived
 - Jesus wants to come to you – so that, like the Good Thief,
 - He can say to us:
 - TODAY YOU CAN BE WITH ME IN PARADISE
 - How is that possible?
 - Just as it was with the good thief
 - He repented of his sin
 - Jesus meets him right there – in his pain
 - And forgives ‘The Repentant Thief’
 - Just like He’ll forgive the repentant parishioner
(inmate)

For He IS King of Kings and Lord of Lords
And He reigns now in heaven and on earth
And in the hearts of His beloved