

Christ the King – C

- I. I like the Christ the King Image –
 - A. In control Christ the King statue in Jamaica Plain
 - B. Powerful

- II. Then this Gospel – Christ the King is on the cross
 - A. INRI?
 - B. THIS is the image of Christ the King
 - 1. Not Victory
 - 2. Jesus, in the midst of the battle – encountering death
 - 3. What does this Gospel say He does?
 - i. Ministers to the Good Thief

- III. The Church puts this feast here on purpose – end of one year, start of the next
 - A. Acknowledging Jesus’ Kingship over the last year
 - B. As we prepare for the next
 - C. Reconciled through the blood of Jesus
 - D. Like the Good Thief
 - 1. Contradiction in terms “Good” “Thief”
 - 2. Just like us
 - i. WE are good – but we’ve been angry, sarcastic
 - ii. Poked fun at the defenseless
 - iii. Selfish, self-centered
 - iv. AND JESUS MINISTERS TO US JUST LIKE THE THIEF

- IV No matter what we’ve done, where we’ve been
 - A. We can stand at the foot of the cross
 - B. We can be the good thief
 - C. Jesus speaks to us as well
 - D. TODAY YOU CAN BE WITH ME IN PARADISE