Gospel November 21, 2021. Cycle B Sunday 34th Week of Ordinary Time

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



LORD OF THE WORD



THAT BREAKS OUR SCHEMES

SETTING

It is always time to return to You and be with You, Lord. When everything seems that no, that the sense fades, that the light does not focus, that the direction is lost, I come to You. Also, when meaning and hope return, and I recover everything and vibrate and dream, in which the truth is the path on which we can all walk, accompanied, the better.

I come to You my Lord, my King, my everything as in every moment in which I need to calm my soul and comfort me with your Presence, always new, I have invited to walk and be in the deep sense of existence.

I look at you and you indicate me; I listen to you and you guide me. I follow you and you walk with me.

SONG. Hombre - Pedro Sosa

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzDkVt5KRiA

GOSPEL- Jn 18, 33b-37, 21

"Then Pilate entered the praetorian again and called Jesus and said to him: 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered: "Do you say that on your own, or has others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your people and the high priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus replied: "My Kingdom is not of this world. If my Kingdom were of this world, my people would have fought so that it would not be handed over to the Jews: but my Kingdom is not of here." Then Pilate said to him, "Are you then a King?" Jesus answered: "Yes, as you say, I am a King. For this I was born and for this I have come into the world: to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

We deepen the Gospel

On the Feast of Christ the King, the liturgy offers us a surprising text! Yes, very few claims of Christ's kingship are found in the Gospels. It is necessary to look for in the story of the Passion of Jesus the clear affirmation of his royalty made by himself. Faced with this situation, we can ask ourselves why Jesus did not say before that he was king. Who knows if this could have changed everything? But the truth is that every time they wanted to proclaim him king, Jesus escaped. And every time people wanted to advertise his person, especially after particularly impressive miracles, Jesus gave strict instructions to keep them silent. After the <u>Transfiguration</u>, the same thing <u>happened: silence.</u> It is puzzling that now that Jesus is chained, poor, condemned, he calls himself king! Surely this means that we need to review our conception of royalty. Let us remember what he said to his disciples: "If anyone wants to be first among you, let him be the slave of all."

What John wants to tell us when he recounts the questioning of Jesus, made by Pilate, is that Jesus is the king of humanity from the moment he gives his life for it. Jesus is a king who has no ambition other than service. It is truly the world upside down. Throughout the Passion, John points out the reverse of the situation. Here, it is the Roman power that is going to recognize that the true king is Jesus Christ: when Pilate says to Jesus "So, are you a king? Jesus responds:" You have said it.

But in reality this king has nothing to do with our kingdoms on earth, defended by guards and soldiers. And Jesus affirms it: "if my kingdom were of this world, I would have had soldiers who would have fought so that it would not be handed over to the Jews." **The kingdom of Jesus is the kingdom of truth.**

"What is the truth?" Precisely because Truth is a Person, God Himself, no one can claim to be in possession of the truth! We belong to the truth, the

truth does not belong to us. How many pointless confrontations, and even bloody wars we could have, and still could avoid, if we had never lost sight

of the fact that we do not truly possess! Hence, the only important thing is to listen to the truth and be instructed by it.

What is Pilate lacking? It may be that he fails to accept that he does not have the truth, that he must allow himself to be taken by it, belong to him. Apparently, it is the only thing that we are asked to participate in the kingship of Christ: "Blessed are the poor in heart, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven! In other words, the true kings, beginning with Jesus himself, are the poor in heart.

Clues for Prayer

- 1. Passion Royalty How do you interpret these opposites in your life, in our eyes, not those of God?
- 2. Who or what is the King in your life?
- 3. How important, what value does the truth have in your life?

HOW CAN I GIVE TESTIMONY OF THE TRUTH? _____

AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Hope - Kendra Springer

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LORD OF THE SMALL

A Life that lands on life.

Your Kingdom is life.

To be with others, to be for others.

You generate life sensibly and

realism, connected with the next.

You make the Kingdom, a way of being.

Your Kingdom is true.

Coherence of being and doing.

You build trust

that emanates from the authentic.

Your Kingdom is justice.

You give each one

according to the rule of dignity,

To all the same,

without distinction, or conditions.

Your Kingdom is peace.

A healthy confrontation,

adequate, humane, without brusqueness. Peaceful, healthy coexistence, Generated from praise of humility and simplicity. Your Kingdom is grace. It is a free gift that awaits, a simple answer and homework that he appreciates, in the gift of being for others. Your Kingdom is love. Voice that sings in a simple verse, I want to give myself and give myself in all the different scenarios from the theatre of pure life May your Kingdom come to us, your life, your justice, your grace, your peace and your love. Bearing witness, listen to your voice, run the race of love, where you always win. Be happy, free. Grow in humanity and risk carrying the truth, that opens roads and demolishes borders. Your Kingdom is to make Charity visible, of Hospitality, Humility and Heroism. You my Lord, I of your Kingdom.

SONG. Pedro Pastor & Los Locos Descalzos - Amar

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