

## Christ The King



*It was an American talk show host who said, "It takes 2 seconds to tell the truth and it costs nothing." And in our world today, the truth counts for everything. In all aspects of our lives, we come across the need to be truthful to have the truth. And yet for some, being truthful can seem such a difficult thing to be.*

*This week sees Christ state very firmly in the Scripture who He is ... the King of the Jews and the Truth. He stands in front of Pontius Pilate and speaks the truth to Him regardless of the consequences. And because of this declaration of truth, Christians this week celebrate the Feast of Christ The King. This is the last week of our liturgical year and it only seems fitting to finish in this way. After a year of life with its ups and down, with its struggles and wrestles, there is something quite comforting and reassuring in finishing on this high note ... that no matter what happens in life, we can depend on Christ as our King.*

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**Scripture:**

Then Pilate went back inside the palace. He called Jesus to him and asked, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus said, "Is that your own question, or did others tell you about me?"

Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew. It was your own people and their leading priests who brought you before me. What have you done wrong?"

Jesus said, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If it belonged to this world, my servants would have fought to keep me from being given over to the Jewish leaders. But my kingdom is from another place."

Pilate said, "So you are a king!"

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. That is true. I was born for this: to tell people about the truth. That is why I came into the world. And everyone who belongs to the truth listens to me."

**Prayer:**

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.

We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things.

Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth. Guard us we pray Most Faithful One.

Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.

Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you.

Jesus, You are a King of Mercy.

We have deserved Your Just Judgment

Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

We trust in Your Great Mercy.

May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth.

Amen.

