

# COLORFUL SCRIPTURE

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## Jesus is King Watching Over Us with Love

Based on: Dn 7:13-14; Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

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The Jewish leaders whispered among themselves, "Remember the welcome Jesus got from people when he entered Jerusalem? What if he gets the people to overthrow us? We must have him arrested and sent to Pilate to be sentenced to death."

As governor, Pilate was responsible for keeping the peace and in charge of the Roman army. He also served as a judge when serious crimes were brought to his attention.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we see Jesus being questioned by Pilate.

"Are you the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked Jesus.

"My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here," Jesus answered.

Jesus tried to explain how he had come into the world to share his kingdom of truth, love and goodness.

Pilate could see Jesus had done nothing wrong, but he didn't want to make the Jewish leaders angry. He handed Jesus over to them to be beaten and crucified.

Out of love for us, Jesus sacrificed his life on the cross and rose from the dead to bring everlasting life in heaven to all who follow him.

Jesus' kingdom is in the hearts of all people who love God and neighbor. When we pray the Our Father, we say, "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." As we follow Jesus' great commandments to love God and neighbor by prayer and acts of kindness, helping, giving, sharing and forgiving, God's kingdom grows on earth.

This Sunday – the Feast of Christ the King – is the last Sunday of the church's liturgical year. We celebrate this feast because Jesus is a true king who watches over us with love and protection. He guides us with his commandments and leads us by church teachings. He listens to us when we pray and he forgives us when we are sorry for our sins. He gives himself to us in the Eucharist.

Jesus is our Lord and Savior. Jesus Christ is King!

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