



## Year C – Feast of Christ the King: Jesus Christ is Lord, Jesus Christ is King

**\*{Start with reviewing the previous meeting’s challenge or discuss prior to sharing this week’s challenge.}**

### Opening Prayer:

Begin with a brief moment of silence. Shake off any distractions, remembering that God is always with us.

Read: **Luke 23: 35-43** - <https://bible.usccb.org/> - 11/20/2022, 11/23/2025, 11/26/2028

*After the reading, conclude with this prayer: Lord Jesus, You are king! Please give us the courage to allow You to truly be the king and Lord of all areas of our lives. Fill us with the courage to proclaim Your kingship over all creation. Help us to share Your truth and gospel message with love and boldness. Amen.*

### Reflection or Discussion Question:

1. What importance do you think/feel the words in the inscription above Jesus held, “King of the Jews”? What importance should it hold for us today?

**YouTube Video:** Christ the King with Dr. Pitre (15:57 min) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVZEJ9UDDgs>

### Reflection or Discussion Questions:

2. To say that Jesus is Lord or that Christ is King is no light statement. Does this video change or stretch your understanding of how you view Jesus as a King in any way? How do you see others comprehending this idea?
3. In the beginning of the video, Dr. Pitre shares why the feast of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Pope Pius XI wrote in the encyclical Quas Primas, “...evils in the world were due to the fact that the majority of men had thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law out of their lives; that these had no place either in private affairs or politics: and we said further, that as long as individuals and states refused to submit to the rule of our Savior, there would be no really hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations.” How do you feel this applies to our current society?
4. Do you think/feel it is possible to compartmentalize areas of our life and still have only One Lord of our life? Why or why not?
5. Do you allow Jesus and His Church’s teachings to guide your political views and choices? How so?
6. They say that Christ has no feet, hands, or voice but that of His Church. In effect we, as a Church, allow and even desire Christ to operate through us. If this is true, our reflection could be, “How would Christ vote in this situation?” or “What policies would Christ desire in authentic love?” Have you ever thought of your political views in this way before? When does thinking in this way become most difficult for you?
7. The feast of Christ and King is this coming weekend. Are there any concrete things you do to remind yourself that Jesus is Lord? What are some things you could do/add?

### Session Challenges: {Choose one or both}

- Prayerfully consider this question throughout the next week: “Do I allow Jesus to be the Lord and king of EVERY area of my life? Are there areas of my life (finances, work, political views, family life) where I keep Jesus out?”
- Research the church’s position on one of the following issues and prayerfully let God know that you wish to understand and follow His teachings: abortion, same sex unions, contraception, capital punishment, immigration. If you would like to discuss, please contact Mike Chamberland at [mchamberland@olsorrows.com](mailto:mchamberland@olsorrows.com).

**Closing Prayer:** (Leaders: We recommended offering time during the closing prayer for participants to offer personal intentions.) *O Lord our God, You alone are the most Holy King and ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, with 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. Forgive us, O sovereign king, our sins against You. Jesus, You are a king of mercy and justice. O most awe-inspiring king, we bow before You and pray; may Your reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth. Amen.*

**{Optional additional Readings}** Sunday Reading 1: **2 Sam 5:1-3**; Sunday Reading 2: **Col 1:12-20**