



23rd November 2008 Solemnity of Christ the King (A)

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Ezechiel 34: 11-12, 15-17.

The Lord says he will look after the flock himself. He cares for his sheep with great kindness and compassion.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28.

Paul reminds the Corinthians that all our hope is in the resurrection. Jesus is the first-fruit; those who belong to him will follow.

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46.

Jesus presents the image of the final judgment. He makes it very clear that what we do to others we do to him.



Points for Reflection

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King.

- 1. Jesus became the King of all creation when he rose from the dead. Since during his earthly life he was the faithful Servant of God the Father, and gave his life out of love for the Father and for us, the Father raised him from the dead and made him Lord and King of the universe. Everything belongs to him. We all belong to him. But his kingdom will be finally established only at the end of time when he comes again in glory to take full possession of all creation (Second Reading).
- 2. In the meantime his followers have to cooperate with him in spreading his kingdom.
 - First of all, we ourselves should belong entirely to him: by living in ourselves the mystery of his love. Today's **Gospel** is quite clear about this point. Jesus will recognize as his own, only those who have practised brotherly love during their earthly pilgrimage. Even those who do not know him yet, as long as they practise love towards others, are already guided by the Spirit of Christ and are walking on the path which leads to salvation.
 - Secondly, as Christ's believers, we have the responsibility to make him known to all those who do not believe in him yet. Again, it is only by practising brotherly love, it is only by actively cooperating with Christ our King to the building of a better world that we fulfill our mission as people called to spread his kingdom.
- 3. Proclaiming Christ as our King, therefore, means:
 - Our commitment to make of our lives a real service to other people.
 - Our cooperation with the people of every belief to build a better world to live in.
 - Our daily conversion from selfishness, pride and hatred.

4. On this **final Sunday of the liturgical year**, we look back and give thanks to God for all the wonders his grace has worked for us and for all. And we renew our faith and hope in him for the coming year.

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Kids' Corner

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