

Christ the King

Luke 23:35–43

‘Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!’ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, ‘Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!’ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.’ And he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ And he said to him, ‘Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.’

Reflection

On the cross, Jesus shows what being a king really means—love, mercy, and care for those on the outside. The criminal asks, “Remember me,” and Jesus welcomes him to paradise. As Vincentians, we often serve people society forgets or judges, standing with them, showing their worth, and sharing Christ’s kingdom through our love. Today, on Christ the King, we remember that his kingdom isn’t about power or glory – it’s about standing with those in need, showing kindness, and bringing hope to the overlooked.

Materials needed

Christmas cards and pens

Activity

As we prepare for the start of Advent, spend some time writing Christmas cards for people in your community who may sometimes be overlooked.

They could be delivered to:

- Local care homes, hospices, or hospitals
- Families supported by SVP conferences (your local conference could distribute)
- Individuals who live alone or are socially isolated
- The homeless (perhaps you could ask your local homeless shelter to hand them out)

Once you have written your cards, make a plan of how these could be distributed throughout advent.



Call to Action

Christ the King calls us to serve not from a throne, but among those who are often unseen or forgotten. This week, notice someone who might be overlooked- an elderly neighbour, a lonely classmate, or a family in need. Reach out with kindness, a note, or a small act of care, and let Christ’s love shine through you.

