

Sermon Study Guide – November 12th, 2017:

Today's Focus – "My Kind of King"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ What do you look for in a leader? How well do our leaders fulfill these expectations? How are they lacking?
- ◆ Today, as we celebrate "Christ the King" Sunday, what makes Christ the best kind of king? What's he have that others lack?

2) Today's Message: Matthew 27:27-31

²⁷ Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. ³⁰ They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. ³¹ After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



How does today's sermon show you how God wants you to live your life? (i.e. What good works does this motivate us to do?)

Feel free to answer the following questions to help you follow the sermon...

1. What's the setting of our sermon text, and in what unique way does it portray Christ as king?

2. What is a natural human assumption about suffering, which makes it hard to understand how Christ is portrayed as king in our text?
 - ◇ Yet, what is the problem with this assumption?

 - ◇ Therefore, why is it necessary for Christ to be a *crucified* king?

3. At the cross, Jesus *becomes* "My Kind of King." Explain.

4. How does the truth of Christ as King help us with the difficult days before the end of time?

4) Taking it Home:

Consider the following as you go about your week:

- ◆ Christ the King Sunday brings the church year to a close. Why is this a fitting way to end the church year? Why is this a good Sunday to celebrate as we begin another church year?
- ◆ What are you struggling with in your life right now?... Where do you see Jesus in this struggle? What from his life matches this experience? How will his salvation and resurrection fix this problem?

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:

Monday: *review* Is. 11:10-16, 2 Tim. 3:1-11

Tuesday: Exodus 15:1-21

Wednesday: Hebrews 1

Thursday: Psalm 145

Friday: Philippians 2:1-11

Saturday: *review* Matt. 27:27-31