

Gospel for Sunday 21st November 2021 – Feast of Christ the King

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Pilate asked Jesus ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ .

Jesus replied,

‘Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?’

Pilate answered,

‘Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?’

Jesus replied,

‘Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.’

‘So you are a king then?’ said Pilate.

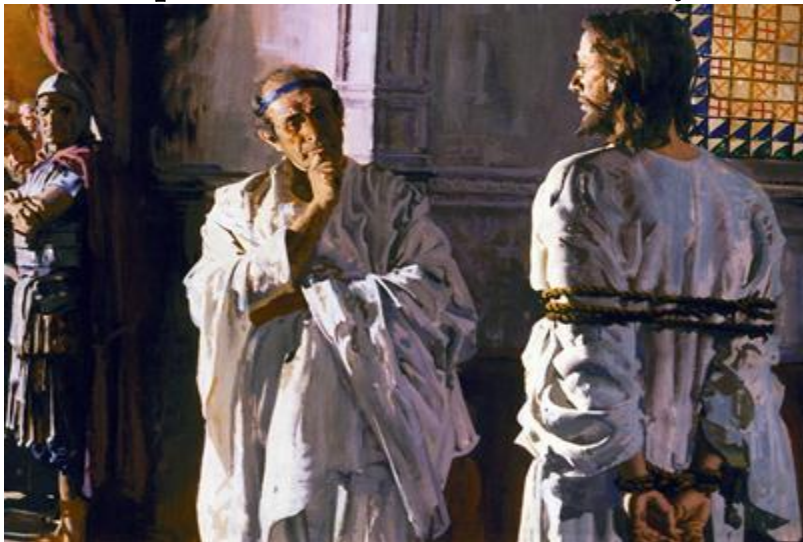
‘It is you who say it,’ answered Jesus.

‘Yes, I am a king. I was born for this,

I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



For you to think about: The last Sunday of the Church Year is the Sunday before Advent, this year, Sunday 21st November, when we celebrate the Kingship of Christ. Pilate could not understand what sort of King Jesus was, with none of the usual trappings of Kingship apparent. If you had been there, how would you have explained to Pilate the sort of King Jesus is?