

Christ Our King



The kingship of Christ is a central aspect of Christianity, affirming Jesus Christ's reign over all creation. This kingship is spiritual, universal, and eternal, contrasting with earthly kingdoms that are limited by time and power. Christ's reign shapes the lives of believers, the Church, and the interaction between faith and the world.

Biblical Foundations

The kingship of Christ is rooted in both the Old and New Testaments. In the Old Testament, prophecies speak of the Messiah's reign, particularly in the Psalms and writings of prophets like Isaiah, who foretell a ruler whose kingdom will endure forever (Isaiah 9:6-7). These messianic expectations prepare the way for Jesus' role as King.

In the New Testament, Christ's kingship becomes evident through his teachings and the affirmation of his divine authority. Jesus speaks often about the Kingdom of God, emphasizing its spiritual nature. Even at his crucifixion, the title "King of the Jews" ironically points to his true kingship (John 19:19). His resurrection and ascension confirmed him as King, reigning at the right hand of God (Ephesians 1:20-22).

The Nature of Christ's Kingship

Christ's kingship differs from earthly kingship. Unlike rulers who derive power from political or military strength, Christ's authority comes from his divine nature and self-sacrificial love. His kingdom is "not of this world" (John 18:36), rooted in truth, justice, and love. It is eternal and transcends human understanding.

For Christians, Christ reigns in the hearts of believers, and through our baptism we are baptized into his kingship. His followers are called to live by his commandments and contribute to his kingdom by embodying love, mercy, and justice. The Church, as the Body of Christ, serves as a visible sign of his kingship on earth, proclaiming Christ's lordship in word and deed. At the end of time, the faithful will join him, sharing in his reign and glory over all of creation.

The Feast of Christ the King (November 24, 2024)

The Feast of Christ the King, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, celebrates Christ's kingship over all creation. Established in response to rising secularism and political ideologies that denied God's sovereignty, it is celebrated on the final Sunday of the liturgical year. This feast underscores Christ's victory over sin and death and his eternal reign.

Hope For The Faithful

For Christians, acknowledging the kingship of Christ means recognizing his authority in all aspects of life. It demands prioritizing Christ's teachings and values—love, mercy, humility—above worldly ambitions. Living as citizens of God's kingdom requires promoting justice, peace, and compassion in the world, while anticipating the full realization of Christ's reign at the end of time.

Christ's kingship is a reminder that while earthly kingdoms are temporary, his reign is eternal. His kingdom offers hope and a call to live according to its values, as Christ's reign is manifest in the hearts of believers and through the Church.