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SERMON NOTES NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Christ the King Sunday

Scripture: John 18:33-37

JOHN 18:33-37 (NRSV)

33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 35 Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." 37 Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Why is it that on Christ the King Sunday each year we re-visit the story of Jesus' passion and death?

Why was Jesus brought by the leaders of the Jews to Pontius Pilate?

In John's portrayal of Jesus' trial before Pilate, "kingship" is the topic of discussion. What do we learn in their discussion?

How do we live under the "kingship" of Christ?

Christ the King Sunday is the last Sunday in the "Christian Year". Advent is the beginning of the Christian Year. Why is it important that begin and end with Jesus' being King and Lord?