

21st November 2021 – Christ the King – Dave's Sermon

Today is Christ the King.

A king/queen is a ruler of a people, a nation, a kingdom.

Most kings/queens become so, through no decision of their own.

They become kings and queens through some family connection.

and they rule by the tacit acceptance of their people/nation.

Some Kings and queens in the past have seized their thrones by force and used power and strength to retain their rule..

The thing being, a person is only under the rule of said king/queen, if they live in the king/queens realm.

In other words their kingdom has boundaries.

Jesus/God the most powerful entity inside or outside the universe

when asked by Pilate if He/Jesus was a king

replies that His kingdom is not of this world.

His kingdom does not follow the way of this world.

A big difference between Jesus as a king and all others

is that He has no people to rule

He chooses not to use His power to rule people.

He will never force people to live as He wants us to.

But He has shown people how he wants us to live.

By his giving up His throne and living as an ordinary man,

Jesus demonstrates God/Jesus is a servant king.

And that He wants all who choose to follow Him

to be servants of all they meet.

As I said, Jesus has no-one to rule.

the key to Jesus kingship

is that only people who choose Him as their king are part of His kingdom

While Jesus wants all people to choose him as their king,

no-one will be forced to accept Him as their king.

Jesus has shown us that His only desire as king

is to help His people know that they are loved

and to help them love all people they meet

regardless of whether those we are meeting are

fellow followers of our king or not.

Advent is coming

It is a time the church gives us to reflect on;

are we really letting Jesus be our King.?

Do we really allow Jesus to guide our hearts and minds ?

Do we want Jesus to have more control over us?

How dinkum are we in accepting Jesus as our king?

Only you, with the help of the Holy Spirit can answer these questions

I guess the real question is;

Will you use Advent to pose these questions to yourself ?