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Catechizing Corner!

Jesus was called king only once in his earthly life: at the triumphant entry into Jerusalem on the last leg of his journey to Calvary. However, Luke used the term *kingdom*, *Lord*, and *reign* throughout the gospel. The entire passion account points to the coming reign of God. Jesus, when questioned by the council, attested, "But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God" (Lk 22:69).

Luke insists that Jesus' kingdom is radically different from the world kingdoms built on power, wealth, and prestige. Crucifixion is the throne of Christ's kingdom. It is built on seeming defeat. Luke cleverly tells us that there are people present at this event who "stood there watching [*theorin*]." Luke used the verb *theorin* that meant contemplation. Why would Luke include the "stood there watching" folks if not to invite the reader to place himself or herself among their company? They stood there contemplating. What were they contemplating and what was the result of their contemplation? Perhaps we are to fill in the blanks. Scholars maintain that the posture of the crowd is far different from the response of the leaders. The leaders stand in abject mockery.

It was the crucifixion of the Chosen One that inaugurated his universal reign. On this feast of Christ the King, we too are invited to stand there contemplating. What will be our response to this contemplation?

Mary Birmingham, [Word and Worship Workbook, Cycle C](#) Paulist Press, 1998



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Disciple's Reflection

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Question of the Week

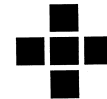
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Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples of Jesus Christ connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Luke 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the **Christ of God**."

Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself."

Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there **reviled** Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us."

The other, however, **rebuking** him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to

our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

He replied to him, "**Amen**, I say to you, today you will be with me in **Paradise**."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Gospel Glossary

The **Christ of God** means the Messiah, the anointed Son of God, who was promised to all the prophets as the Savior of the Jewish people.

To revile means to attack with hateful words.

To rebuke is to correct someone or to tell them to stop what they are doing.

Someone said "**amen**" when they wanted what they were saying to be taken as a solemn promise. It was like saying "I swear".

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults: What sacrifices are you willing to make in order to be closer to God?

Teens: If you were being crucified with Jesus, would you have been the person who mawked him or the one who asked for forgiveness?

Children: How can you show God's love to others?

Families: Look at the crucifix in the household. Look at all the different appointments on it...the crown, the sign, the nails etc.

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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