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*Written for Sunday, November 22, 2015*

*26th Sunday after Pentecost*

*Lectionary Year B*

**Scripture:** [John 18:33-37](#)

[ **Summary:** *Christ the King Sunday: Jesus and Pilate talk about Jesus being a king* ]

**Supplies Needed:** No supplies needed

**ASK** (a.k.a [The On-Ramp](#))

- Good morning!
- To get started today, I have some questions to ask you ... about kings
- First – what *is* a king? (a ruler over a people / country. Person who is in charge of a country)
- Good! And how do you think a king becomes a king? (it gets passed along from the parents/within the family OR someone with an army takes over and becomes king)
- So....does our country have a king? (the answer to this depends on what country you live in, most likely the answer is “No”)
- Well, if our country DID have a king, would that mean everyone in the country would then have the same king? (yep)
- Even if lots of us didn't want to have that king? (yep)
- And could that king make us do things we wouldn't want to do – like always have to eat vegetables for dinner? (possibly)
- So, even if they couldn't make us eat vegetables for EVERY dinner, kings sound like they are pretty powerful, don't you think?

**TELL** (a.k.a [The Freeway](#))

- In today's scripture story, Jesus and Pilate are having a talk about Jesus being a king.

- But Pilate is confused.
- Pilate thinks Jesus is a king just like we talked about – that Jesus is trying to become the king of Israel.
- But Jesus tells him, “I’m not that kind of king.”

## **SHARE the Good News** (a.k.a. *The Destination*)

- Instead, Jesus is the kind of king that *invites* people to follow him, unlike a regular king who is king over people whether they like it or not.
- And, Jesus is the kind of king who isn’t concerned about having people do things for him like a regular king.
- Instead, Jesus is the kind of king who shares God’s love and abundance and healing with people.
- And, if we choose to follow Jesus like his disciples did, then Jesus shows and teaches us (just like he taught his disciples) how to *receive* God’s love, abundance and healing
- Then, once we know how to receive God’s love, abundance and healing, we can *share* it just like Jesus did.
- Sounds like Jesus makes for a pretty good king, doesn’t he?
- And that is the very good news for today.
- Let’s pray. This is a repeat-after-me prayer.

## **CLOSING Prayer**

**Dear God,**

Dear God,

**Thank you for Jesus...**

Thank you for Jesus...

**...who is the best king ever...**

...who is the best king ever...

**...because he shows us...**

...because he shows us...

**...how to pay attention to you.**

...how to pay attention to you.

**Thank you and amen**