

## Ask, Father James:

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### The Splendour of Christ the King

The kingship of Christ has been a significant historical way of understanding Christ. Jesus Christ is the Son of God – anointed King, Prophet, and Priest. We celebrate this feast to acknowledge him as such. We are sons and daughters of God and heirs to God’s kingdom. As baptized Christians, we too are anointed. We belong to his kingdom. Anointed people spiritually symbolize Christ. Jesus Christ came into the world to save us and to restore us to our original status which Adam and Eve lost. We need to reclaim our lost status. Only Jesus Christ can help us reclaim our rightful place. In today’s gospel reading (Luke 23:35-43), the thief on his right hand realized this, he said to Jesus: Remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” We too can learn from the repentant thief on the cross and hear those words from Jesus: “Today, you will be with me in paradise.”



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