

Cycles of Faith Ciclos de Fe

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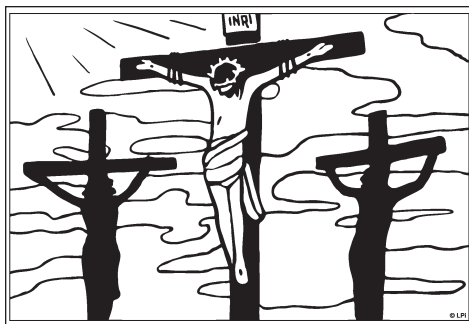
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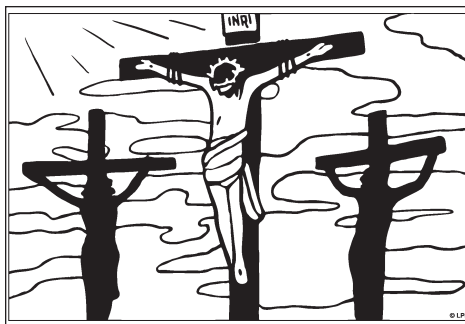


“**A**nd indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

— Lk 23:41-42
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“**L**o nuestro es justo, pues estamos recibiendo lo que merecen nuestros actos, pero éste no ha hecho nada malo.” Y añadió: “Jesús, acuérdate de mí cuando vengas como rey.”

— Lc 23, 41-42
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Readings for the Week of November 25, 2007

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

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Lecturas para la semana del 25 de noviembre de 2007

Domingo: 2 Sm 5, 1-3/Col 1, 12-20/Lc 23, 35-43
Lunes: Dn 1, 1-6; 8-20/Lc 21, 1-4
Martes: Dn 2, 31-45/Lc 21, 5-11
Miércoles: Dn 5, 1-6; 13-14; 16-17; 23-28/Lc 21, 12-19
Jueves: Dn 6, 12-28/Lc 21, 20-28
Viernes: Rom 10, 9-18/Mt 4, 18-22
Sábado: Dn 7, 15-27/Lc 21, 34-36
Domingo siguiente: Is 2, 1-5/Rom 13, 11-14/Mt 24, 37-44

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Feast of Christ the King

We are presented with choices every day. Sometimes, the choices are many and varied; often, however, they are no more complicated than this choice or that. But with every choice, we should weigh the consequences of our decision. Too often we tend to go with our gut feeling; the problem with this is that our gut feeling is borne of desire and not of the distinction between right and wrong, good and evil.

Today on this Feast of Christ the King, we are presented with the personification of choices. The two men hanging on crosses on either side of Jesus represent, in their comments, the choice between faith in God and the rejection of faith. The first only wants to be saved from his fate; the second expresses his faith that Jesus Christ is who he says he is, and asks only to be remembered, to which Jesus promises him even more because of his faith.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that Christ died as part of God's offering of salvation for us all, as was foretold in the scriptures. (CCC 599-601) In the history of humankind, slavery has existed; only kings and rulers have had the authority to end slavery. Christ the King, in his Passion, gave his life for each and every soul on earth, freeing us from the slavery of sin.

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Fiesta de Cristo Rey

Hoy cerramos con broche de oro el año litúrgico. Hoy se resume el misterio de la salvación en Cristo. Él es la clave del mundo y de la historia. Él es el Rey del universo. Su Reino se deriva del misterio de la cruz: no se fundamenta en la fuerza ni en la injusticia, sino en la debilidad de la cruz y del perdón.

La fiesta de Cristo Rey es una oportunidad para reflexionar en lo que significa el Reino de Dios. Para muchos de nosotros esto es algo imposible de comprender y nos preguntamos, ¿en qué consiste este reino y dónde lo podremos encontrar? ¿Qué ofrece el Reino de Dios a la humanidad? ¿Cuáles son sus exigencias en concreto? El reino de Dios consiste en el mensaje de salvación que el Jesús histórico nos mostró.

Los cristianos entramos a ese reino por medio de nuestro Bautismo. Pero eso no sucede por arte de magia. Tendremos que entrar en el proceso de la cruz y la única arma es el amor. No podemos entrar al Reino prometido sin antes haber sido servidores de éste. Jesús mismo se declara servidor de su Padre del Cielo. Así que quien sirve, reina, y quien reina, hace la voluntad del Padre. Quien hace lo contrario traiciona el Evangelio y esta fuera del Reino de Dios.

A todas las personas que nos decimos seguidores de Jesús solamente nos queda decirle: acéptame para seguirte y ayúdame a servir contigo a los que tengo a mi alrededor. Que nunca olvidemos que servir es reinar, y que Jesús es el único rey. ¡Que viva Cristo Rey!

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