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Today's Gospel

*Pilate said to Jesus,
"Are you the King of the Jews?"
Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own
or have others told you about me?"
Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I?
Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me.
What have you done?"
Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world.
If my kingdom did belong to this world,
my attendants would be fighting
to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.
But as it is, my kingdom is not here."
So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"
Jesus answered, "You say I am a king.
For this I was born and for this I came into the world,
to testify to the truth.*

Reflection

In celebrating the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, this passage from John is startling and offers a glimpse of Jesus's divine nobility and authority. The daily readings over the past weeks have provided a glimpse of what it means to be an active participant in helping to build God's Kingdom. We find that the Kingdom is both within and without, that we are invited to love God and each other, and that as Kingdom dwellers, we have a responsibility to live out the Beatitudes as we are called. A fine thing to remember on this special day.

Does any particular verse from today's reading capture your attention? Consider this invitation to spend some time with the reading, and in particular, any passage that calls to you. Read it and contemplate the meaning as it applies to you in your lived experience -- in the spirit of St. Thomas Aquinas, who notes, "Our faith is measured by divine truth ... His truth, power and good outreach any measure of reason..." (*Summa Theologica*) This offer provides seven auxiliary questions used in Thomistic prayer to help guide your reflection.



Petals in Heart Shape on Sand
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A Prayer to Open the Reflection from St. Thomas Aquinas

*Grant me, O Lord my God,
a mind to know you,
a heart to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in waiting for you,
and a hope of finally embracing you.
Amen.*

Guiding Questions

Before processing the questions, select a word or phrase from today's reading, then consider and reflect on the following:

- What is the meaning of the word or phrase?
 - Why should I value the word or phrase?
 - How does the word or phrase impact my life?
 - Where and when do I actualize the word or phrase?
 - Who exemplifies living out the word or phrase? (This individual could be from scripture, a formative figure or someone you know personally.)
 - What are some ways for me to strengthen my pursuit of the word or phrase?
 - How can God assist me in this desire?
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