

# Sunday 34th in Ordinary Time: Christ the King (C)

**Gospel text (Lk 23,35-43):** The people stood by watching. As for the rulers, they jeered at him, saying to one another, «Let the man who saved others now save himself, for he is the Messiah, the chosen one of God!». The soldiers also mocked him (...), they said, «So you are the king of the Jews? Free yourself!».



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Today, on the Cross, Jesus is "equal" to God, which is Love. We can recognize his "divine royalty." Jesus gives us the "life" because he gives us God. One of the criminals, aware of his sins, opens up to the truth and implores to the "King of the Jews": "Jesus, remember me." The "good thief" immediately receives forgiveness and the joy of entering the Kingdom of Christ.

—Jesus, from the throne of the Cross, welcomes all men with infinite mercy.