

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. But the Jesus we see in today's Gospel is not a typical king. A king wears fine clothes, but Jesus is naked. A king wears a crown of gold, but Jesus wears one of thorns. A king sits on a throne, but Jesus rests on a cross.

The people laugh at him and say he has no power. It is clear he is not any kind of a king. But a thief looks at him and knows that he is a king with power beyond what people can imagine.

In our life we often feel powerless. We cannot change the way others behave. We cannot change the way we feel. We cannot change our poverty, our sorrows. We might think we have no power.

But we have all the power that Jesus had on the cross. We have the power to transform the sufferings of this life into the joys of eternal life. We have the power to share that joy with those who have sorrow. We have that power because Jesus is inside us. The power to save that Jesus had dwells within us.

When we feel overcome by the sorrows of life, let us remember that Christ is our King. Christ, who suffered, Christ who triumphed, Christ who rules in every heart--Christ is our King!