

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

November 22, 2020

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 + 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 + Matthew 25:31-46



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Have you ever had times when you struggled with “I could have done...I should have done but I didn’t”? Were there times when you should have spoken up at a meeting but didn’t...should have signed that petition but didn’t.....could have helped someone in need but told yourself that you didn't have time to stop or get involved?

Today the church celebrates The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. However, the assigned Scriptures for today do not focus on all that we have come to associate with a king but rather focus on examples of how we should be for others in the kin(g)dom. Christ the King is speaking to us more like a caregiver than king. He calls those who reach out to help ‘blessed’ and those who don't ‘cursed.’ His leadership is that of a benevolent king, not the way we have come to know the role of a king in today's society.

Jesus sees the needs and hears the cries for help in today's world and He calls us to help. Do I respond?

We often associate the song *Whatsoever You Do* with today's Gospel. However, I meditated with [You Needed Me](https://youtu.be/jwRwXm_vC1Q) by Anne Murray (https://youtu.be/jwRwXm_vC1Q).

You needed me. Did I respond?