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REIGN OF CHRIST - November 21, 2021

### Sermon

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 • Psalm 93 • Revelation 1:4b-8 • John 18:33-37

*Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."*

One of the more familiar statements in the Bible is about followers of Christ being in this world; but not of this world. Who among us doesn't feel that way from time to time? Who among us does not occasionally want to be surrounded by a kinder, more loving generation of people?

How is it that we seem to find ourselves surrounded by so much harshness? Why is it that we are seeing new extremes in hurtful human behaviour? While history is full of unbelievably horrible acts; we were brought up to believe that on the whole, things were getting better — that we are people who are learning from our earlier mistakes.

I remember hearing discussions by learned people about how human beings and society were evolving to function at a higher plane. Better things could be expected of us, it was suggested.

And there were signs of this being true. Major advances were being made in science, medicine, technology and the arts. Aspects of daily life were becoming easier through a myriad of technological advancements. Better communication was fostered through electronics, including the internet. We now have a whole array of new tools at our disposal. Even sermons are written on computer keyboards and church is more frequently experienced in people's homes — a boon for shut-ins among others.

So if we are right that we have a problem — where is that problem? I just mentioned that we have a growing number of new tools at our disposal. We all know that tools are neutral. A hammer is useful when it is to help build a needed wall — or it can be a problem when used to tear down that needed wall! Examples are limitless. Often our tools are designed to multiply our power; enabling us to do more — more good or more that is not good. The choice is ours! How this plays out may largely depend on our outlook on life. We all have had different life experiences. Who we are; and who we becoming can be seen in two major approaches to living. Jesus sees these as being of God's world; or of the earthly world.

In our lives, we tend to follow the way of God; or the way of Caesar/Pilate. The way of selfless love or the way of imposed power and pride. This choice does not occur at only a national level. When it comes to love, we also may see it occur at a close interpersonal level. Our love of one another occurs at all levels.

Jesus, when he talked about truth and listening, was talking about where our hearts are. Do we have hearts which are open to the healing power of the love we have received — and of the love we have given? Can we see how strength can emerge from situations of weakness? Can we see how the God of the baby Jesus is strong when we begin to see him as Christ the King of all. Can we see Christ as King in our lives as we find truth at the core of his words and actions?

May we celebrate in our hearts and actions the eternal presence of God through Christ. May we contribute to the building of a more compassionate and loving society in this world for all people. May we see Christ as our king.

We now pray in the words of Brother Roger of Taizé:

*God of Mercy, when we understand nothing can separate us from you, trust in you opens for us the road that leads upward towards a peace-filled joy.*

Amen,

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