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Not many kings

If Christ is king then He is a very different kind of king from what we usually expect.

Kings (or rulers, by whatever name) do not usually care so much for the welfare of their people as this one.

He comes not just to look after the material needs of the people, but to save them. In this He goes further than other kings who are trying to deal just with political and economic factors.

Many kings are oppressive, very harsh in their judgments and their policing of the people. Not this King. He always will achieve the right balance between justice and mercy.

Not many kings are humble enough to wash the feet of their subjects, or let people just start talking to them, as Jesus did. Kings and leaders are usually surrounded by bodyguards and officials whose job it is to stop the public getting too close.

Kings do not usually know the name of everyone in their kingdom, much less everything about each person.

Nor do they lay down their lives for their subjects, especially not such a death.

Nor do they give themselves as food for their people!

Nor can they raise themselves from the dead.

We can be cynical about the rulers of the world, but this one shows us a very different way. If He had to run an election campaign He would have delivered on all His promises.

We can learn a lot from Jesus Christ, King of kings. We are His disciples as well as His subjects, and as disciples we are supposed to imitate Him.

We do not have His power but we can be like Him in humility and charity, and many other good qualities – albeit on a smaller stage, but the same principle.

The King of kings teaches us that charity is the main way of doing business in His kingdom. Mercy to others and genuine concern are the order of the day.

The Legion in particular needs to follow His example, offering to all comers the gentle yoke of Our Lord's authority.

If we want His kingdom to come, as we say we do in each *Our Father*, then we must plead with Him to help us be like He is. We should act more like Him and less like *Them* – meaning those who live by the accepted ways of the world.

Long live Christ the King!