



# CHRIST

*the King*

Kingship of Christ, the Disciples and Us

Luke 23:33-43





## Luke 23:35-38

<sup>35</sup> And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers **scoffed** at him, saying, “*He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!*” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also **mocked** him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, “*If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!*” <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, “*This is the King of the Jews.*”





# 1. The Unrecognised King

## Failed Expectations

<sup>48</sup> And all the crowds that had assembled for this spectacle, when they saw what had taken place, returned home beating their breasts. <sup>49</sup> And all **his acquaintances** and the **women** who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance watching these things.

- Luke 23:48



# Disappointment, Confusion & Uncertainty

<sup>36</sup> As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup> But they were **startled** and **frightened** and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, "Why are you **troubled**, and why do **doubts** arise in your hearts?" - Luke 24:36-38

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some **doubted**. - Matthew 28:16-17

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" - Acts 1:6

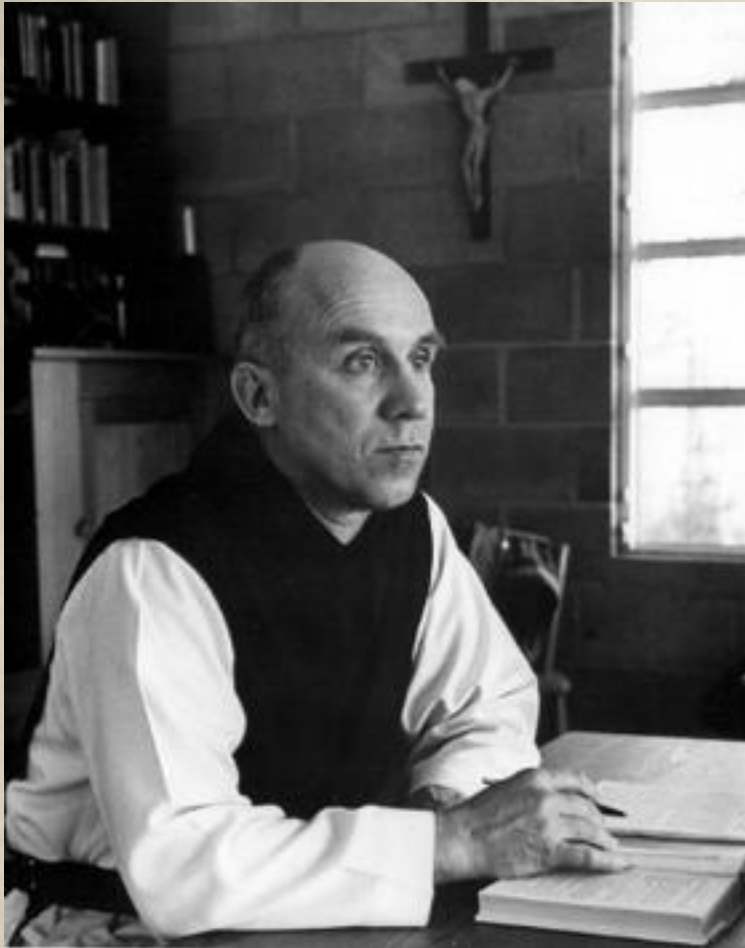


## **2. The Distorted King**

### **Our Distorted Picture of Christ's Kingship**







The whole purpose of spiritual direction is to penetrate beneath the surface of man's life, to get behind the **façade of conventional gestures and attitudes which he presents to the world**, and to bring out his inner spiritual freedom, his inmost truth, which is what we call the **likeness of Christ in his soul**.

- Thomas Merton



### 3. The Enthroned King

God has made this Jesus... both  
Lord and Christ.

- Acts 2:36



# Personal Reflection

- Notice where you resist Christ's kingship.
- Pay attention to your interior life, not just your behaviour.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to reveal Christ within.
- Practise yielding rather than striving.
- Pray a simple daily prayer: "Jesus, be King in me."

