

Christ the King – a play

John 18:33-37

Narrator: Jesus has been arrested and the people want Pilate to put Jesus to death. Pilate is not sure about this and he doesn't understand who Jesus really is.

(Pilate is standing in his headquarters. There are two guards standing in the room.)

Pilate to the guards: "Bring that man Jesus here to me."

(Jesus is brought in.)

Pilate: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus: "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

Pilate: "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus: "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."

Pilate: (confused) "So you are a king?"

Jesus: "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."

(Pilate walks away, still confused. He goes to talk to the people outside.)

Narrator: Pilate does not understand what Jesus is saying. He doesn't know that Jesus is the King of heaven and earth! He thinks that Jesus wants to be king of Israel. He does not know that when Jesus speaks, He is speaking the word of God. We know and we pray to Jesus to help us to listen to the truth that he speaks!

Everyone: Amen!