

## GOSPEL QUESTIONS

### The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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Gospel - Jn 18:33b-37

Pilate said to Jesus,

"Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own  
or have others told you about me?"

Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I?

Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me.  
What have you done?"

Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world.

If my kingdom did belong to this world,  
my attendants would be fighting

to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.

But as it is, my kingdom is not here."

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?"

Jesus answered, "You say 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."

*Khi ấy, Philatô hỏi Chúa Giêsu rằng: "Ông có phải là Vua dân Do-thái không?" Chúa Giêsu  
đáp: "Quan tự ý nói thế, hay là có người khác nói với quan về tôi?"*

*Philatô đáp: "Ta đâu phải là người Do-thái. Nhân dân ông cùng các thượng tế đã trao nộp ông  
cho ta. Ông đã làm gì?" Chúa Giêsu đáp: "Nước tôi không thuộc về thế gian này. Nếu nước tôi  
thuộc về thế gian này, thì những người của tôi đã chiến đấu để tôi không bị nộp cho người  
Do-thái, nhưng mà nước tôi không thuộc chốn này".*

*Philatô hỏi lại: "Vậy ông là Vua ư?"*

*Chúa Giêsu đáp: "Quan nói đúng. Tôi là Vua. Tôi sinh ra và đến trong thế gian này là chỉ để làm  
chứng về Chân lý. Ai thuộc về Chân lý thì nghe tiếng Tôi".*

Youtube video: (recommended for younger students)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U809bxwBtPA>

### Questions

1. What did the Pilate first ask Jesus?
  - a. “When is the end of the world?”
  - b. “Who is the king of the world?”
  - c. “Are you King of the Jews?”**
  - d. “Do you want to be my best friend?”
  - e. None of the above
  
2. Who handed Jesus over to Pontius Pilate?
  - a. The disciples
  - b. Peter and John
  - c. The scribes
  - d. The chief priests**
  - e. None of the above
  
3. Where does Jesus say his kingdom is?
  - a. In Calgary, Alberta
  - b. The entire nation of the Jews
  - c. The entire continent of Europe
  - d. The Middle East
  - e. None of the above**
  
4. Where is the kingdom of Jesus?
  - a. Not of this world
  - b. The whole world
  - c. Heaven
  - d. United States of America
  - e. Both a and c are correct**
  
5. Why did Jesus come to the world?
  - a. To rule the world
  - b. To testify to the truth**
  - c. To become best friends with everyone
  - d. To become rich and powerful
  
6. Short Answer: What does Jesus mean when he says, “Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice”?

- a. Variety of answers:
    - i. Belongs to the truth = belong to God (b/c GOD IS THE TRUTH)
    - ii. Those who follow Jesus (his disciples) would listen to Jesus
    - iii. Disciples of Jesus would always listen, know, and live out the truth
    - iv. Whoever wants to live peacefully and righteously, will listen to what Jesus says through the Gospels AND live out the Gospels
    - v. Etc.
7. Short Answer: Who belongs to the truth?
- a. Variety of answers:
    - i. Christ's disciples
    - ii. The whole Catholic Church - including all people: bishops, priests, laypeople
    - iii. Everyone who desires to live out righteously and live out the truth
    - iv. Everyone who desires to live honestly and kindly to other people
    - v. Etc.
8. Short Answer: How do you live out the truth?
- a. Variety of answers:
    - i. Believing and living out the faith (aka. Love God and love neighbor)
    - ii. Standing up/defending your faith
    - iii. Recognizing that God loves you and accepting that love
    - iv. Etc.

### SUMMARY:

In today's Gospel, the conversation between Pontius Pilate and Jesus helps go into deeper understanding of Jesus' identity as well as our own identity as his followers/disciples. When Pilate asks Jesus, "'Are you the King of the Jews?'" Pilate is questioning Jesus' identity which brings us to think who is Jesus. Jesus is not a king or a powerful figure in this world, but a loving God who has transcendent authority and is omnipotent. However, Jesus does not impose his authority on us, but rather asks us, "Do we belong to Him?" as anyone who belongs to the Truth means they belong to God as God is the Truth. As the followers of Christ, we should ask ourselves every day, "Do I belong to God?" As we're approaching Advent season, we are preparing our souls for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray together so that we may continuously belong to God and let Him into our daily lives.