We often here the expression during a crisis, pandemic or war, that we are all in the same boat.

For the most part this is very far form true, the wealthy, well-educated and well balanced are often in much larger boats, the reality is that we are all in the same storm, but our boats can be really different.

Today, we celebrate Christ the King, and the Church remembers that Jesus is sat at the right hand of God and following his earthly ministry he has taken his place in heaven.

Much like our earthly Monarchy opinions on Jesus differ in society.

Some consider that Jesus, or faith in him is something left over from a time of pre-enlightenment. A time when the world was understood in a less scientific ways, a time when there in the dark gaps of knowledge dwelt God.

For others Jesus and especially the Church is something to be mocked, a place where the weak and helpless, who can’t face their own mortality or sin, gather to find comfort and joy.

For some Jesus is the Christ – The chosen of God, the Messiah, the son of God, mighty councillor, prince of peace, the man who was God, who dwelt among us full of grace and truth.

Jesus is the visible image of God almighty, the creator and sustainer of heaven and earth, he is the word by which all things were created become incarnate, the beginning and the end, that Lord of Lords and King of Kings, not elected, not chosen by people but part of the everlasting Trinity. But he is also the carpenter’s son, the friend of sinners, the man broken and dying on the cross.

Jesus is the King of heaven, but unlike many Kings, he is a monarch that has lived the life of his people. A King who is all powerful, who is eternal, but who also understands our frailty and weakness.

Jesus’ despite being God, decided to enter into the storms of human life in the same boats we are in.

As we are told in Philippians 2:6

Who, being in very nature [***a***](https://biblehub.com/niv/philippians/2.htm#footnotes) God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage.

[**7**](http://biblehub.com/philippians/2-7.htm)rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature [***b***](https://biblehub.com/niv/philippians/2.htm#footnotes) of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

[**8**](http://biblehub.com/philippians/2-8.htm)And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death—

even death on a cross!

This combination of ultimate power and full understanding of a lived experience of His subjects is what makes for a good King, a King who understands the needs of the people but also has the power and authority to govern, the guide and direct, to create change to bring about their Kingdom.

Christ is the ultimate King, but what is the Kingdom of God?

The Kingdom of God is often considered as being a place of perfection, of peace, of love of joy, in which we are perfectly known and where we know perfectly, I believe that this is the Kingdom of Jesus.

This is the Kingdom of Christ, and this is the Kingdom, we as his followers are called to usher in to the brokenness of this world, the create a new way of life on Earth as in Heaven.

Each day we pray that his Kingdom might come on earth as in heaven, today as we think about Christ the King, let’s think also about our role as citizens of his Kingdom, are we playing our part to bring about this change this Kingdom on Earth as in Heaven, and if we are no, lets consider what’s stopping us!