

Christ the King

Are you the King of the Jews?

When Pilate asked this he was being cynical. The Jews he ruled over were a defeated people. Subject to Roman law. Roman Taxes. The will of Rome.

Pilate saw the notion of being a King in terms of power.

The King of the Jews for Pilate was a pathetic symbol.

Of a pathetic people.

Jesus was the King of the Jews

The Way

The Truth

The Life

But not of Pilates world

A world

Of force

of manipulation

of arrogance

Jesus

The Way

The Truth

The Life

Really quite different

Beyond the comprehension of those so frightened that their only security is power

And the maintenance of that power

Be that in the Ministries of Government

Or the family kitchen of a small child

Discipline inspired by fear is resented

Discipline inspired by love can nurture the relationship with real authority

Jesus

The Way

The Truth

The Life

Really quite different

Beyond the comprehension of those so frightened that their only security is power

And the presentation of that power

Be that in the dreadful pretence of those in control

Or in the consequence of decisions made to cover up weakness felt

Instructions inspired by the fear of revelation are resented

Instructions inspired by an honest attempt at the truth can be accepted and adopted

Jesus

The Way

The Truth

The Life

Really quite different

Beyond the comprehension of those so frightened that their only security is power

And living the role that comes with power

Be that trapped in the debts of keeping up appearances

Or the recording and the transmission of fashionable lies on social media

Practice inspired by the fear of inadequacy, destroys itself

True life lives with fear, accepts inadequacy, and attempts the incredible

Pilate did not understand

Could not comprehend

It was not a part of his small world

Christ the King

Jesus

A Kingdom not of this kind

A kingdom that creates not simply controls

A kingdom that reveals and does not hide

A kingdom that celebrates the mystery of existence even beyond the present understanding

So power decided to crush and crucify

And the Christ rose from the dead.