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Fr. Danny Murphy – Christ the King 2017

The Feast of Christ the King. Do you remember this exchange between Pilate and Jesus?

"Pilate asked Jesus: "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replies, "Are you saying this on your own, or have others been telling you about me?" We can know something in one of two ways. One way is that others have told me about something. So, for example, I know that the sun is 93 million miles away from the earth because others have told me that. I know that the speed of light is 186,000 miles per second because others have told me that. But, I know that ice cream tastes delicious on my own. I know that the greatest joy in life is to love on my own. Do you sense the difference? I know that Christ is THE King because others have told me that. Christ is MY king if I know that on my own. Which Christ is for me: THE King, or MY King? If Christ is MY King, I can trust that these words from our first

reading apply to me: "Thus says the Lord God: 'I, myself will look after and tend my sheep, I, myself will give them pasture, I, myself will refresh them. The lost I will seek out, the stray I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal.'" If Christ is my king, those words apply to me. If Christ is my king, these words from our Responsorial Psalm apply to me: "The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. He give me repose, he leads me, he guides me, he refreshes me. Even when I walk in a dark valley, I do not fear because he is with me. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life. And then I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." If Christ is my king, I trust that those words apply to me. If Christ is my king, I trust that these words from our Gospel apply to me. "Whatsoever you did for anyone else, that's what you did for me." If Christ is my king, I trust that those words apply to me. If Christ is my king, by the way I live my life, I will do everything I possibly can to bring his kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. His is a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of love, justice and peace. If Christ is my king, I will do everything I possibly can, by the way I live my life to bring that kingdom here on earth. Christ is THE King, is Christ MY King??