

Sermon Notes

“Kings Never Die”

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Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

- It's fun to think about what the world would be like if some “kings” had not died.
 - Elvis Presley – the “King” of Rock and Roll.
 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 - Buddy Holly
 - Walt Disney
 - Abraham Lincoln
- Today is the last Sunday of the year – the church year
 - Christ the King Sunday
 - Luke 23:33-43 – the story of Jesus’ death on the cross.
 - Pilate labeled Jesus, “the King of the Jews.”
 - The criminals that were crucified with him disagreed:
 - One ridiculed him.
 - One defended him.
- What effect does the death of a “king” have in our world.
 - John F. Kennedy – November 1963
 - Putting a man on the moon.
 - Civil Rights.

Sermon Notes Cont...

- Henry Nouwen
 - “For Jesus, there are no countries to be conquered, no ideologies to be imposed, no people to be dominated. There are only children, women, and men to be loved.”
- Jesus’ death on the cross inspired humanity in countless ways.
 - Inspired Christians to fight injustice – Archbishop Desmond Tutu.
 - Inspired the Apostles to spread the message of Jesus.
 - Care for the outcast.
 - Heal the sick and handicapped.
 - Feed the poor.
 - Cherish Children.
 - Give women their rightful place of authority and respect.
- Jesus’ death was more than inspiration!
 - Jesus death gives us the forgiveness we need for eternal life!
 - Jesus is both human and divine.
 - Jesus inspires AND forgives.
 - Only Jesus brings us to paradise.