

Jesus Christ Is Lord and King

Keep these ideas in mind as you study *Chapter 17*.

✦ At the Ascension, the disciples saw Jesus being lifted up to be reunited with his Father in heaven. Jesus told the disciples to go back to Jerusalem and wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Jesus told the disciples that the power they received from the Holy Spirit would make them witnesses before the whole world.

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✦ Jesus saved us through his passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension. This is called the Paschal Mystery, and we celebrate it at every Mass.

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✦ Jesus is called Christ the King because he saved us and sits at the right hand of the Father. Where Christ reigns, there is truth, justice, and peace. Jesus does not force us to accept him as king. We can choose to be greedy and selfish. We can choose to be hurtful to ourselves or to others.

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✦ Jesus will come in glory at the end of time to judge all people. He told a story about separating sheep and goats to explain what it would be like. In the story, those who followed Jesus' way were rewarded.

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