

## BIBLE CHALLENGE

1. Christ the King Sunday falls on:
  - a. The last Sunday in November
  - b. The last Sunday of the church year
  - c. The Sunday after All Saints Day
  - d. The Sunday after Halloween
2. Pope Pius XI instituted Christ the King Sunday in order to:
  - a. Get in another holiday before the end of the year
  - b. Help people prepare for the coming of Christmas
  - c. Remind Christians that their first allegiance is to Jesus Christ before any earthly leader
  - d. Find a reason to give pastors a day off
3. The church year begins on:
  - a. January 1
  - b. The day after Christmas
  - c. The first Sunday in September
  - d. The first Sunday in Advent
4. The place we are most likely to see Jesus Christ is:
  - a. In you and me
  - b. In a homeless person
  - c. In a soup kitchen
  - d. All of the above
5. Jesus Christ gave us the example to be:
  - a. Humble
  - b. Caring and loving
  - c. Serve others
  - d. All of the above
6. We celebrate Christ the King Sunday by:
  - a. Everyone wears a crown on their heads
  - b. Having a party after church
  - c. Remembering everything that Jesus Christ taught us and living by following his example.
  - d. Spending the day in silence

## CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in his 1925 encyclical let *Quas Primas*, in response to growing nationalism and secularism and to remind Christians, especially those in Rome and Italy, that their allegiance was to their spiritual ruler in heaven as opposed to any earthly supremacy, which was claimed by Benito Mussolini. Many main line Protestant churches, including the ELCA, all observe Christ the King Sunday.

Christ the King Sunday is the last Sunday of the church year which falls between November 20 and 26. A new year begins with the First Sunday of Advent. The earliest date for the start of Advent is November 27.

While there are images in the Bible of Christ sitting on a heavenly royal throne, Jesus Christ is like no earthly king. Jesus did not come in an array of royal glitz and glamour. Jesus came as a vulnerable and innocent baby born in a stable. Throughout his life Jesus taught humility and about loving and serving others, most especially those who are poor or marginalized by society.

Christ's throne is not in a lavishly adorned palace, but in a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter, a war zone and most especially on the cross where, through death, he brought resurrection life to all who believe in him.

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Answers: 1b; 2c; 3d; 4d; 5d; 6c