



# CHRIST *the* KING

## Kerygma Preaching Series #4: Response Homily Outline

### The 4 dimensions of the Gospel Message (Kerygma):

1) Created, 2) Captured, 3) Rescued, 4) Response

Grace to ask: *courage to respond*

Goal of the kerygma: *to come into the transformative, life-changing and ongoing encounter with Jesus Christ*

Unsettling encounter of Jesus and the rich young man...what is choking your response?

Two fundamental responses to the kerygma: **personal** and **mission**

### Personal response:

#### 1. Gratitude: "Every day I think about what you did for me."

- Worship: participation in the Eucharistic Sacrifice
- Any idols? "Anything that is more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God" (Tim Keller).

#### 2. Surrender = Entrustment

- To accept His love and to give ourselves over to Him in love
- Allow Him to begin the work of healing and transformation of our hearts

### Mission response:

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Mt. 28:18-20).*

Through the Apostles, Jesus commissioned *all* of us.

Take the four words of the kerygma (created, captured, rescued, response) and use them to tell God's story in a way that is unique to them and their life circumstances. We work in our sphere of influence.

Image of human trafficker, what if there were others? Wouldn't I want to help rescue them too?

The Church is comprised of the members of Jesus who have been rescued and are undergoing transformation in Him while joining Jesus in working for the rescue of others.

**Three simple suggestions:**

- 1) Make Holy Mass, every Sunday and Holy Day, the foundation of family life;
- 2) Respond to the prompts of love during the day to get out of myself and express Christ's love to others;
- 3) Participate in the upcoming retreat next Saturday here the morning of October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Hurt people tend to hurt people.  
But healed people *heal* people and  
rescued people *rescue* people.**

A hope for the rich young man is Jesus' parable of the two sons in Mt. 21:31.

**Videos to watch on YouTube:**

Fr. John Riccardo. "Rescued and Response: Jesus is not just Kind."  
\_\_\_\_\_. "Rescued so as to Rescue: a Healing Conference."

**Deeper dive in reading:**

Fr. John Riccardo. *Rescued: The Unexpected and Extraordinary News of the Gospel*, Chapters 15-17.