ENTHRONED

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.

(John 12.32-33)

We have just completed an election season in the US. Elections are a big deal in our country, especially presidential elections. Candidates raise and spend millions and millions of dollars to convince people to vote for them so they can be in power and, hopefully, enact policies and make decisions that will bring about good for their citizens.

It struck me, as I was reflecting upon this, how *different* this model is from Jesus. Jesus was exalted—*lifted up*—upon His throne, which was actually a cross. He was *enthroned* upon an instrument of execution. He was given a *crown* of thorns. Inscribed above His head as a charge but also a theological proclamation of His authority: "Jesus, King of the Jews."

This stands as yet another reminder that the Way of Jesus is very different from the ways of the world. Jesus, the Son of God, possessed infinite power, but gave up His power in order to live among us, serve us, and die for us.

This is the way of Jesus that we, as disciples, are to follow. Not *seeking power over* others, but *serving* others sacrificially.

As we reflect on the bread and the cup, let us express thankfulness for the sacrifice of Jesus, but may we also express thankfulness that Jesus shows us another way to live—a way free of the worldly grasping for power, and instead based upon sacrificial love.

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