

Flourishing as the Friends of Jesus (who really like jazz!)

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*Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom."
He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."
(Luke 23:42-43)*

This is the week leading up to Christ the King Sunday.
Within most branches of the Christian church worldwide,
it is a celebration of the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
In and through Christ, the Creator of the cosmos
works for the flourishing of the whole of creation.
Its wellbeing, in all of its wondrous interconnections,
is God's deepest desire and most pressing passion.

But the question any encounter with Jesus raises is,
"What kind of Lord or King are you?"
You're not anything like we expected!

For example, many churches around the world
are reading the words of Luke 23:33-43.
It's Luke's account of Jesus' crucifixion.
This King and Lord is being executed
between two criminals on a garbage heap.
That's the throne room.

Can you find something fascinating and attractive
in this Lord who identifies with rejected outsiders
and who assures them of his loving friendship?