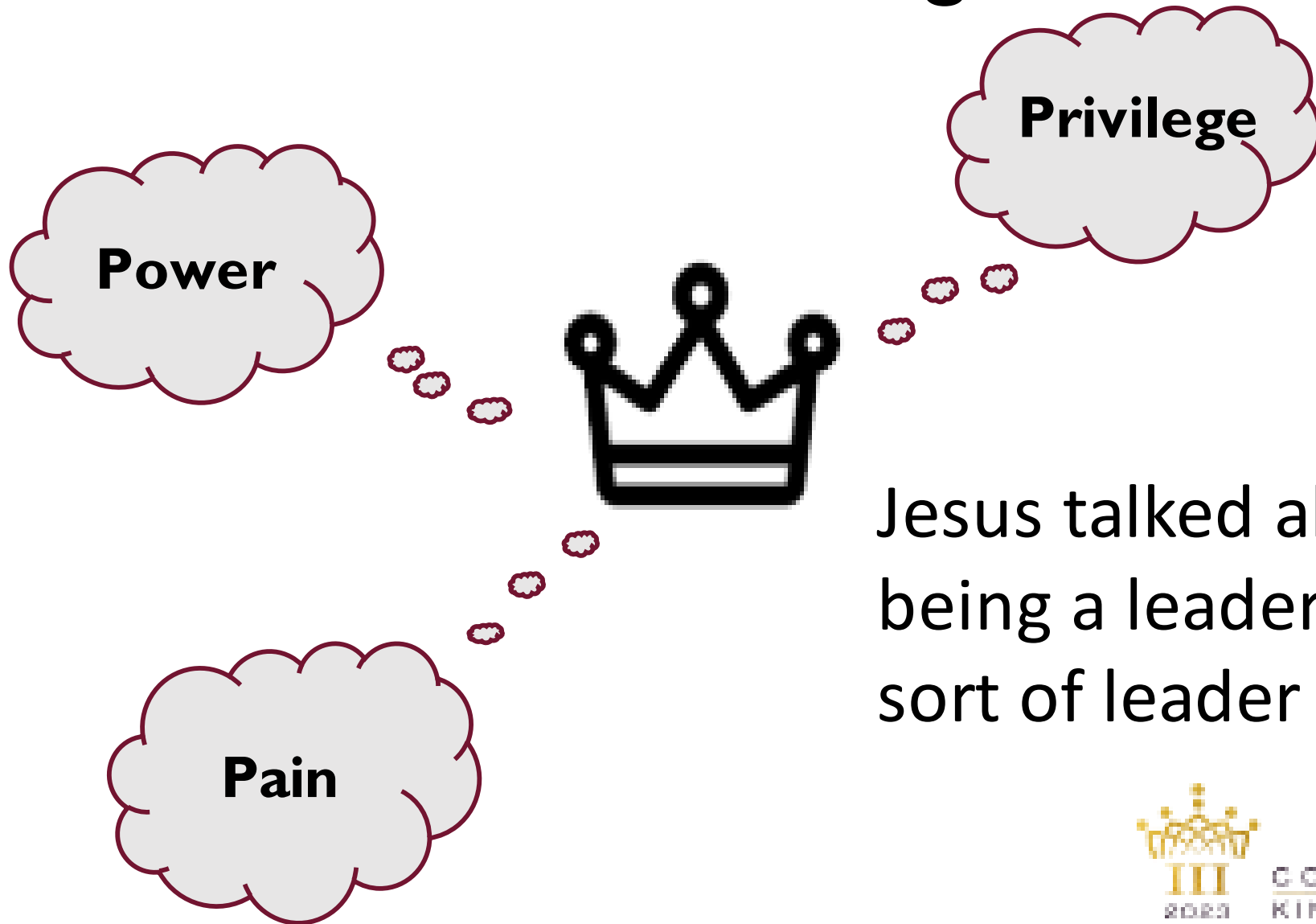
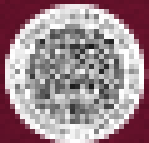


# A Different Kind of King



Jesus talked about being a leader, what sort of leader was he?



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## The Recognition



### *Spiritual Significance*

Right from the start of the service it is recognised that the King is under the authority of God. Trumpets in the Bible are used at significant festivals, to call people to gather, or to assemble for battle.

### *Question for me*

Whose authority do I fall under? Think widely. Am I happy under their authority? Do I make their job an easy or a difficult one?



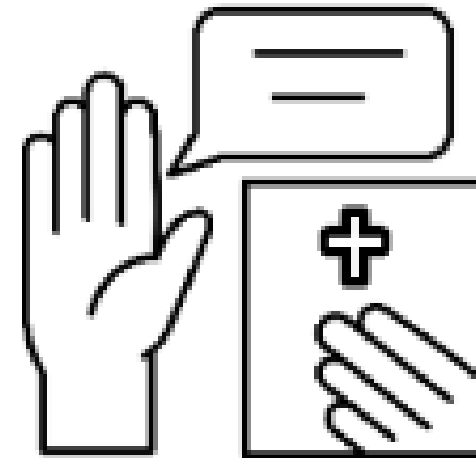
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## The Oath

### *Spiritual Significance*

The Bible details many promises made between God and man (covenants). Some of these are private, however they always have a significance for the wider community. For example, the Abrahamic Covenant where God promised to provide protection and land for Abraham and God's people, if they followed His path. The oath here is very public and the signing of an oath to serve people is only seen at the Coronation service and nowhere else.



### *A Question for me*

When I make a promise, do I make them seriously and with the right heart? Am I a person of integrity in my words and actions?



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## The Anointing

### *Spiritual Significance*

We see anointing with oil in the Old Testament of the Bible, when people are 'set apart' by God for a particular task. This is a sacramental act and an important and powerful moment that has similarities with when Christians are baptised, confirmed or ordained.



### *A Question for me*

Considering my gifts, talents and abilities, how am I 'set aside' by God? What are my spheres of influence and places where only I can make a difference?



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## The Investiture



The Sovereign's Orb



St. Edward's Crown



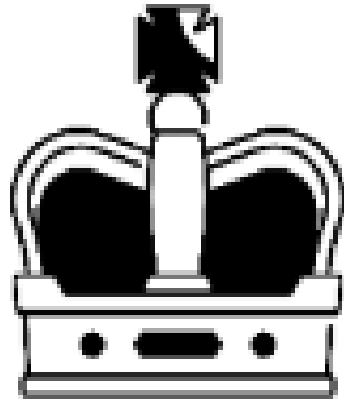
The Sovereign's Sceptre



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### *Spiritual Significance*

These three items contain a cross . They signify elements of the reign of a King – his power, influence and responsibility . Yet the cross- the most important symbol in Christianity – features on them. King Charles is not on his own in his power, influence and responsibility . Ultimately the earth is God's and God will help King Charles in his duties .

### *A question for me*

If there was a symbol above my head , the most important thing in my life that shapes my intentions , my thoughts and my actions , what would it be?



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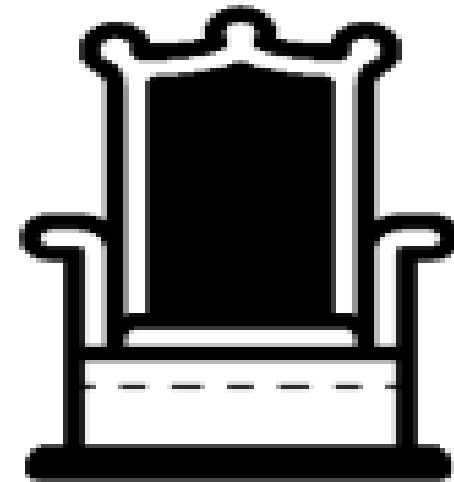
## The Enthronement and Homage

### *Spiritual Significance*

Kneeling is a common act in Christianity and symbolises making ourselves low , so that God can be honoured and metaphorically lifted up . It symbolises coming under authority and humility.

### *A question for me*

Who or what do I swear allegiance to ? Is this a helpful thing and if not, perhaps ask God to help you shift perspective and priorities .



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