

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Friday 23rd September 2022

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Elvis

Jill and I have enjoyed watching Elvis the movie! Our first attempt to watch it was thwarted when it rained so hard that the cinema had to close because of leaks! When we did get to finally see it, I was interested to see the influxes of church worship and gospel singing in his life. There are important questions to ask about the degree of appropriation of black music in his career but he also appears to have had some genuine and perhaps groundbreaking friendships with prominent black performers of his time including B.B.King. Rightly or wrongly, Elvis was known as the king of Rock and Roll, although in a less racist society that title might have belonged to someone else. However he didn't like to be called The King. When a fan held up a sign calling him that once, he paused a song he was singing and said thank you very much, but there is only one King, and that is Jesus. He also appeared most happy singing gospel songs, indeed after his shows he often stayed up all night singing them!

I wonder how Jesus is expressed as King in our lives?