

# JESUS... ENTERS IN HUMILITY

## Christmas... Free For All – Part 3

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Zechariah 4:10a (NIV) “Who despises the day of **small things**?”

Luke 2:7 (NIV) “And she **gave birth** to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him **in a manger**...”

HUMILITY = Completely \_\_\_\_\_ upon God

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NIV) “For you know the **grace of our Lord Jesus Christ**, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.”

### WHY DID JESUS ENTER IN HUMILITY?

#### 1. TO IDENTIFY WITH OUR \_\_\_\_\_

John 1:14 (NIV) “The **Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us**. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Hebrews 4:15 (NIV) “For we **do not have a high priest** who is **unable to sympathize with our weaknesses**, but we have One who has been **tempted in every way**, just as we are--**yet was without sin**.”

#### 2. TO PROVIDE AN \_\_\_\_\_ TO FOLLOW

Philippians 2:2 (NIV) “Make my joy complete by **being like-minded**, having the **same love**, being **one in spirit and purpose**.”

Jesus Shows Us What It Means To Be Humble

∑ Humility is blocked by \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV) “Do nothing out of **selfish ambition** or **vain conceit**, but **in humility consider others better than yourselves**.<sup>4</sup> Each of you should **look not only to your own interests**, but also to the interests of others.”

∑ Humility reflects the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.

Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV) “Your attitude should be the **same as that of Christ Jesus**:<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,<sup>7</sup> but **made Himself nothing**, taking the very **nature of a servant**, being made **in human likeness**.<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself** and became **obedient to death**-- even death on a cross!”

∑ Humility makes you \_\_\_\_\_ by God.

Philippians 2:9-11 (NIV) “Therefore **God exalted Him** to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name,<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,<sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, **to the glory of God the Father**.”

Micah 6:8 (NIV) “And what does the LORD require of you? To **act justly** and to **love mercy** and to **walk humbly with your God**.”

#### 3. TO DEMONSTRATE GOD’S \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 1:27-29 (NIV) “But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; **God chose the weak things** of the world to shame the strong.<sup>28</sup> He **chose the lowly things** of this world and the **despised things**--and the things that are not-to nullify the things that are,<sup>29</sup> **so that no one may boast before Him**.”

The best way God could express His infinite love was to set aside His infinite power!

Humility is God’s chosen pattern revealed to us in Christmas.

2 Corinthians 12:10 (NIV) “That is why, for Christ’s sake, I **delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties**. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”