

# The Humble Lamb of God

Phil 2:1-11

## 1. Intro

1. Last week we looked at Jesus as the Suffering Lamb of God. He was our example and we were to follow in His footsteps.
2. Today we want to look at Jesus as the Humble Lamb of God and have Him continue to be our example.
3. Scripture teaches that Christ was God. Not just a good man, but that He was God come to earth in the form of a man.
  1. Paul taught this. John taught this. And Jesus made claims to be God.
4. In coming to earth He had to humble Himself in obedience to His Father.

## 2. Paul's Teaching

1. Paul was a very devout Jew
  1. His worshiped as a monotheist. God alone was to be worshiped.
  2. Christianity's claims that Jesus was God, was heresy to his ears.
  3. For Paul to be converted it must have been a profound experience. (Acts 9)
2. As a result of this Paul reveals his understanding of Jesus in Phil 2:5-11
  1. Paul describes Jesus from His eternity past(6), to His earthly life(7-8) and then to eternity future(9-11).
  2. Past
    1. Equality(isos) with God. (6)
  3. Present
    1. Humble Slave; To be ranked below others; Came as a servant (7-8)
  4. Future
    1. Elevated= to raise to a higher position (9-11)
3. Paul's writings show that Jesus was more than just a teacher.

## 3. Johns Teaching

1. John 1 lays out Jesus' deity in a straight forward manner
  1. Jesus existed with God(1)
    1. All of the attributes of God can be applied to the son
      1. Wisdom, holiness, power, love, justice, goodness, truth.
  2. John relays the same thought as Paul; that Jesus was in eternity past before creation.(2)
2. John says Jesus became human (14)

## 4. Christ's Claims

1. Christ claimed the Kingdom of God was in their midst (Luke 17:21)
2. When He forgave sins, He did so knowing He was doing what God could do. (Mark 2:1-12)
3. Jesus address God as Father
  1. I and the Father are one. (John 10:30)
  2. Shows an intimate relationship. (God was personal)
4. I Am
  1. Before Abraham was, I Am. (John 8:57-58)
  2. Same thought and idea when God spoke to Moses; I Am Who I Am (Ex 3:14).
5. Finally, after the resurrection Thomas admits that Jesus is God (John 20:27-28)

## 5. Application

1. So how does the theology of Jesus, coming into this world, humbling Himself before the Father, apply to us in anyway?
2. Humility is not very prominent in our society today. Pride is there, though.
  1. Humility is seen as low self-worth (esteem). Lifting my self up by my own boot straps is what is needed!
    1. When we think this way, we become self-centred.
      1. I am in control, I want to do things my way, and my opinion is the one that counts.
  2. As believers we can fall into this same way of thinking.
    1. It is the old Adam coming to the surface. It is the old self that hasn't been totally buried yet.
      1. If we put ourselves before God and before others it shows our idolatrous heart.
3. Scripture calls us to think differently (Col 3:12)
  1. But how do you become humble? We can become proud of our humility (desert monks)
    1. It is a gift of faith, a gift from God.
  2. He came as a humble servant.
    1. He gave it all up to be born like us, a man in every way, to save our “me-first” world.
      1. And in a world all scrambling to get to the top, His is a different picture.
    2. And if Jesus did that for you, what greater sense of self-worth could you achieve. (I.D. In Christ)  
Many may serve you, but the very Son of God was the greatest.
  3. And what could be more humbling? That Jesus would do that for you.
    1. We see God as creator; God as almighty; God as judge. But God as humble servant of sinners, of me; that's love.
4. He came to give us rest. (Matt 11:25-30)
  1. Rest from having to exalt ourselves and climb over others.
  2. Rest from having to achieve and make a name for ourselves.
    1. When your soul is at rest, when you have peace with God, then;
      1. You are sure of your place in God's family,
      2. You are strengthened by Christ,
      3. You know your future is secure,
      4. You know the things of this world are passing away but that you have an eternal future
  3. When all those things are yours in Christ, His gift to you, then you also have the gift of humility.

## 6. Conclusion

1. We see Jesus co-equal with God; humbling Himself to serve us and then being exalted again to the Father.
2. By humbling Himself before His Father, He came to take away our sin.
3. The result is that our identity is in Jesus and as a result we, can humble ourselves before Him and before others.