

## Sermon Outline

### What Child Is This? Part II: The Servant King

Philippians 2:1-11

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**Main Idea:** Jesus is the Servant King who though he is the Lord over all Creation, became a humble servant for us, that we too might humbly serve him by serving one another.

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1. Jesus is a Humble Servant (v5-8)
2. Jesus is Lord of the Universe (v9-11)
3. Humbly Serve One Another (v1-4)

#### Key Quotes:

*"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Philippians 2:5-8*

"In the Christian story God descends to re-ascend. He comes down; down from the heights of absolute being into time and space, down into humanity...down to the very roots and seabed of the Nature He has created. But He goes down to come up again and bring the whole ruined world with Him. One has the picture of a strong man stooping lower and lower to get himself underneath some great complicated burden. He must stoop in order to lift, he must almost disappear under the load before he incredibly straightens his back and marches off with the whole mass swaying on his shoulders."

C.S. Lewis, Miracles

#### Fellowship Starters:

1. Read Philippians 2:1-11 and open in prayer.
2. Discuss the amazing nature and character of God in Christ as a servant as described in Phil 2:1-11, Mark 10:35-45 and John 13:1-20.
3. Read and discuss CS Lewis' quote above.
4. Discuss Paul's incredible picture of the future in which Jesus will receive the honor he so deserves as humanity bows before him. It is in his humble and substitutionary death that his great worth and accomplishments are seen. And this is to the glory of the Father.
5. Review verses 1-4 and discuss how Jesus' humility and sacrifice are meant to empower and encourage us to now live. Does Paul envision lives lived independently or in community and in the unity of the Spirit (Eph. 4:1-3)?
6. Close your time in prayer together asking God to pour out fresh grace for each member of the group.