

## Trinity Home Teams

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**Philippians 2:5-11** / SAVIOR: *The Superior Servant*

Part 2 in a special series leading to Resurrection Day

1. How could Jesus be man and God at the same time?
2. Read **Matt. 6:33**. What are “these things?”
3. Read **Isaiah 53:3**. How low did Jesus’ suffering require Him to go? How is your suffering similar?
4. Read **Isaiah 53:5-6, 11**. Can you grasp and explain to others the cost of your salvation?
5. How could Jesus be *the most humble* (Isa. 53:10, Phil. 2:8) and *the most exalted* (John 17:5 Phil. 2:9)?

Our culture views service as a lesser position. Few aspire to positions of service. This view embraced by the kingdom of man is antithetical to God’s kingdom.

JESUS in Matt. 20:26-27: “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave.”

### The humble servant

Willingly serving those who are inferior requires humility. Even though Jesus ‘emptied’ himself, he remained God. As God, he is worthy of all worship and praise. Yet, he took on the form of a man. He became what he wasn’t while never ceasing to be what he was.

From birth, Jesus was lowly, born to a carpenter, laid in a manger, lived as a humble servant. In Matt. 6, Jesus teaches: when our trust is in the Father and our priority is his kingdom, the role of servant becomes second nature.

Jesus elevated others with his service. Rather than demanding his rights, he lifted others by meeting their needs – assuming low positions *and serving enemies*.

**John 13:2-5, 12-16** – “During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him... 12 When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. 16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.”

Jesus modeled godly service to others. He elevated them through his service.

### The obedient servant

v8 -- No servant ever embodied greater obedience than Christ. Jesus served man through his obedience. Jesus obeyed the law that man could not so that, through faith, they might be counted righteous. Jesus served the Father through his obedience.

**John 6:38** – “For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.”

He carried out his Father’s will, which was his own death: “Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief” (**Isaiah 53:10**). In his obedience, Jesus became the suffering servant of Isaiah.

**Isaiah 53:3** “He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief ... he was despised, and we esteemed him not.” **Luke 22:41-44** “(He)...prayed, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” And there appeared to him an angel ... strengthening him. And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood ...”

HIS DEATH: 1) required an obedient will because he was sinless, 2) was the most humiliating, the most degrading, the most heinous; and yet: 3) was also the most beautiful and the most glorious, 4) demonstrated an infinite love for the Father and an inestimable love for his people.

### The exalted servant

v9 – No servant has ever been more highly exalted than Christ. God exalts his servants who humble themselves.

**1 Peter 5:6** “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you.” **James 4:10** “Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.”

No servant of God has ever been more perfectly humble or obedient, so no servant of God should be more highly exalted than Christ. See **Isaiah 52:13**. He was given the highest name – *under which every knee will bow*.

**Ephesians 1:21** “far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.”

**Hebrews 1:4** “After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.”

In Christ, we have been redeemed; through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, we labor through grace in service to our Master, the exalted Lord. His will is our will; his purposes are our purposes. We serve with great joy the One who saved us, who will in turn exalt us when we finish the work set before us with the words, “Well done, good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of your master.”