

Jesus Humbled Himself

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- Isaiah 14:12–14
- Ezekiel 28:15–17
- Genesis 3:1–6
- Romans 5:12 When Adam sinned, sin entered the world.

Sin entered the world

- Characteristics of Sin
 - Contradict God's Word – "you will not die"
 - Pride – you will be like God
 - Self – knowing good and evil
 - Embracing the Character Qualities of the serpent – the devil
- John 8:44
- Need of a Redeemer

But in what manner did the Redeemer come?

- Philippians 2:5–8
 - He was God
 - Did not cling to equality
 - Took the humble position of a slave
 - Born a human being
 - Humbled himself in obedience

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Jesus' Expressions of Humility

- Incarnation – emptied himself of divine privilege to become a man
- Life as a man
- Isaiah 53:2 ... There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him.
- Luke 2:46–47
 - Not amazed at his appearance
 - Amazed at his understanding
- He took the humble position of a slave (servant)
 - Position of a servant – not to be served but to serve
 - Washes disciple's feet
 - Do nothing on my own
 - My words are not my own

- Matthew 20:28

Jesus' Expressions of Humility (continued)

- Redemption – humbled to die a criminal's death – Gethsemane - not my will but yours be done
- Therefore, God exalted him

Pride - Pride is the root of many of the problems that we face. It is,

- "self-respect or improper and excessive self-esteem known as conceit or arrogance"
- Pride can be defined as elevating one's opinions and thoughts above God's authoritative Word.
- Pride goes before destruction (Proverbs 16:18)

Humility

- "Humility is a divine characteristic to be found in human hearts only as Influenced by the Spirit of God.
- It is far removed from false humility
- Not self-depreciation or an inferiority complex...
- 'He who seeks not his own interest, but solely God's interest, in time and eternity, he is humble'..."
- "Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less."-C. S. Lewis
- Humility is an acknowledgement that all you have and are is given by God and that you are nothing without him

Humility when Exalted (Honored)

- The Father's "Pride" over his son
- Matthew 3:17
- Matthew 17:5
- 2 Corinthians 7:4 I take great pride in you.

Acknowledgement of who you are in Christ

- Matthew 16:16
- Luke 22:69–70

The Directive of Humility in Practice

- Philippians 2:3–4
- Perfect Love casts out fear - 1 John 4:18
- Perfect Humility casts out Pride - James 4:6