

Sunday, October 11, 2026

The Humiliation And Exaltation Of Christ

Philippians 2:5-11

Main Idea: *The eternal Son humbled Himself unto death and was exalted as Lord over all for the Glory of God the Father.*

Introduction:

- Will we be a people governed by the Word of God for the Glory of God?

Christ's Humble Descent - vv.5-8

- From Glory: He is Eternally God - **v.6**
 - **John 1:1**
- To Servanthood: He became truly man - **v.7**
 - What is Jesus actually like toward sinners and sufferers who come to Him?
- To the Cross: He obeyed unto death - **v.8**

Christ's Glorious Exaltation - vv. 9-11

- The Father exalts the Son - **v.9**
- Every knee will bow before the Son - **v.10**
- Every tongue will confess: Jesus Christ Is Lord - **v.11**
 - What does a church look like when its people actually live together under the Lordship of Jesus Christ?

Christ's Lordship Shapes His People

- His Humility shapes our life together
- His Word governs our lives
- His Glory becomes our aim

So, What?

- If Jesus Christ truly is Lord, what part of your life is not living like He is?

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Now What? (Small Group Questions)

How does the Gospel change the difference between saying, "Jesus is part of my life," and confessing, "Jesus is Lord of my life"? Read **Romans 12:1-2**

- Where are we most tempted to give Jesus part of our lives while keeping other areas for ourselves? Consider your relationships, time, money, ambitions, habits, family, and future. What would surrender to Christ actually look like in one of those areas?

What does our response to Scripture reveal about whether we are truly living under the lordship of Christ? Read **2 Timothy 3:14–17**

- What happens when God's Word confronts something we want, believe, feel, or prefer? Who gets the final word, God's Word or me? And where in your life right now might God be calling you not simply to know His Word, but to submit to it?

If the humility of Christ truly shapes us, what should become increasingly different about the way we treat one another? Read **Mark 10:42–45**

- Where do selfish ambition, pride, the need for recognition, personal preferences, or the desire to have our own way still show up in our relationships and in the church? And here's the deeper question: What would change at Walnut Grove if we increasingly entered the room asking, "Who can I serve?" rather than, "What do I want?"

Where has our culture, and perhaps even the church, taught us to measure success differently than God does? Read **1 Corinthians 10:31 and John 3:30**

- If the glory of Christ rather than our own significance becomes the goal, how might that change the way we think about: our careers, our families, our ministries, and even the future of Walnut Grove? What would faithfulness look like if nobody ever knew your name, but Christ was made much of through your life?