The King Who Walks Among Us

Living in the Presence of the Servant-King

This morning, we remember the truth of the gospel: the King of glory came down, walked among us, and humbled Himself to the cross—so that we might know Him and live in His presence with humility and hope.

I. The King Who Became Flesh

- A. John 1:14: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.
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- B. John 1:14: We observed his glory, the glory as the one and only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
 - 1. He came near to reveal the Father and redeem His people.
- C. Our King is approachable, understanding, and full of grace and truth.
 - 1. Hebrews 4:15-16: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to <u>sympathize</u> with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with <u>boldness</u>, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.

II. The King Who Emptied Himself

- A. Jesus chose the lowest path of servanthood.
 - 1. Philippians 2:7: he <u>emptied</u> himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity.
- B. He humbled Himself to death—even death on a cross.
 - 1. Philippians 2:8: he <u>humbled</u> himself by becoming obedient to the point of death— even to death on a cross.
 - 2. This is the pattern of life for every follower of the King.
 - 3. Philippians 2:5: Adopt the same **attitude** as that of Christ Jesus.

III. The King Who is Exalted Above All

- A. Philippians 2:9: For this reason God highly <u>exalted</u> him and gave him the name that is above every name.
 - 1. God highly exalted Him and gave Him the name above every name.
- B. Philippians 2:10: so that at the name of Jesus <u>every knee</u> will bow— in heaven and on earth and under the earth.
 - 1. Every knee will bow...
- C. Philippians 2:11: every tongue will **confess** Jesus Christ is Lord.
- D. Live today with reverence, hope, and a sense of mission.

IV. Living in the Presence of the Servant-King

- A. Walk in humility.
- B. Live with awe and worship.
- C. Serve with joyful obedience.
- D. Live with hope, knowing His Kingdom is unshakable.

V. As We Close...

- A. Jesus is the King who walked among us and reigns forever.
- B. Let us follow Him: in humility, in worship, in service, and in hope.