



## ADVENT 2021

### Who Should We Expect this Season? Philippians 2:1-11

#### **We should expect Jesus, the Eternal One.**

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped...

#### **Text Message:**

- What Paul has done is taken the strongest statement of Jewish belief in one God and reworked it around Jesus!
- Look at what God unmistakably says:  
<sup>22</sup> "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! *For I am God, and there is no other.* <sup>23</sup> By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return:  
'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.'  
Isaiah 45:22-23, emphasis mine

#### **We should expect Jesus, the Emptied One.**

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

#### **Text Message:**

- Jesus emptied himself of the rights of heavenly Lordship to become a servant! The Creator became created!
- This is called the Incarnation and is more than a belief...

## **We should expect Jesus, the Exemplified One.**

Verse 8:

### **Text Message:**

- It is easy to be lulled into the comfortable thinking of belief and miss the reality that, while Jesus did indeed do this for us, He also gave us an example to follow of:
  - 1) Humility:

The greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. Matthew 23:11-12
  - 2) Obedience (See Philippians 2:12-13).
  - 3) A cross-shaped life (Cruciform life):

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. 1 Peter 2:21
- Remember, the whole purpose of this great hymn to Christ is that we may have the mind of Christ (Verse 5), and actions following thinking.

## **We should expect Jesus, the Exalted One.**

Verse 9:

### **Text Message:**

- Jesus in the New Testament is described as “the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth” Revelation 1:5
- These descriptors are shorthand for Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension to the right hand of the Father.
- Jesus rules now, and invites us to participate in his rule on earth (“*thy kingdom come, thy will be done...*”)

## **We should expect Jesus, the Expected One.**

Verses 10-11:

### **Text Message:**

- These verses are the kingdom reality that is going on now and will continue until God’s kingdom comes in its fullness!

