

A Humble Christmas

Luke 2:1-7

Main Point:

Since Jesus humbled Himself for you, humble yourself for Him.

1. In the fullness of time, God fulfilled His promise to bring you a Savior.

2. Your Savior had a humble birth.

3. This was because He had come to live a humble life for your salvation.

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Proverbs 21:1 ¹The king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD, *Like* the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes. (NKJV)

Philip Ryken "God was taking Caesar's pawns and moving them to checkmate, so that the real Savior would stand alone as the King of kings."

Micah 5:2 ²"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *Though* you are little among the thousands of Judah, *Yet* out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth *are* from of old, From everlasting." (NKJV)

Galatians 4:4-5 ⁴But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. (NKJV)

Luke 10:34 ³⁴"So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. (NKJV)

Luke 22:10-12 ¹⁰And He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house which he enters. ¹¹"Then you shall say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"'" ¹²"Then he will show you a large, furnished upper room; there make ready." (NKJV)

Philippians 2:3-8 ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (ESV)

Philip Ryken "There was a reason that Christ humbled himself [in His birth]. He knew that in the end he could save us only by suffering and dying for our sins, and he wanted to show this from the very beginning. The humility of his birth was the whole pattern of his life."

Isaiah 53:3 ³He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. (NKJV)

John 6:38 ³⁸"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. (NKJV)

Philip Ryken "The sufferings that commenced with his incarnation culminated with his crucifixion. The same body that was wrapped in swaddling cloths was also wrapped in a burial shroud. The manger points us to the cross and to the grave. And this is how we are saved: by the humility of our Savior."