

FROM MANGER TO MAJESTY

Servant King



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"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore."

"But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

the humility of the King

the example of the King

"Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process.

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> PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8 (The Message)

He laid aside His Status

"In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God!"







"When He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were demon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs. They were so extremely violent that no one could pass by that way. And they cried out, saying, 'What business do we have with each other, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

"Let us alone! What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

He laid aside His Status











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"Let me be nothing and Christ be all in all."

JOHN WESLEY

"Knowing Christ makes us humble; knowing ourselves keeps us humble."

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He had the HEART of a Servant

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PHILIPPIANS 2:7 (The Message) "...but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men."

...emptied Himself

set aside His divine glory...veiled His glory "Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was."

...emptied Himself

set aside His divine glory...veiled His glory

set aside His independent divine authority

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

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set aside His divine glory...veiled His glory

set aside His independent divine authority

set aside the riches of heaven

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor..."

PEANUTS









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"Here, then, is the scandal. God chose to invade planet earth in the person of His Son, what Christians call the Incarnation - God made flesh. He did so to rescue fallen humans. He became human so we could become holy.

God appeared not with trumpets sounding and the hoofbeats of horses, not with the great armies at His command, but in the person of Jesus, who had nothing. When He was born, He was born in a borrowed manger - a feeding trough. When He rode into town in Jerusalem in fulfillment of Scripture, He rode on a borrowed donkey. And when He was buried, He was buried in a borrowed tomb."

CHARLES COLSON

He had the HEART of a Servant



He gave His life in Sacrifical

obedience

"Christ's birth brought God to man, but it took Christ's death to bring man to God."

exaction of the King

The BABE in the MANGER is the humble King of the UNIVERSE!