

# WORLDVIEW: THINKING LIKE JESUS

## Sermon 10: Who Is Jesus?

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**Series:** "WORLDVIEW: *Thinking Like Jesus*

**Text:** Philippians 2:5-11

**Subject:** Incarnation of Christ

**Notes:**

- Your answer to this question and how you respond to that answer will literally determine your **Eternity**.
  - Your response to the truth of this question will also determine how you **Live** your life today.
  - Your answer and response to this question determines your **Worldview**.
  - Last week--**John 1:1-5**— Five Significant Statements: 1) The Word Was **Eternally** God; The Word Was **Equally** God; 3) The Word Was **Essentially** God; 4) The Word **Created**; 5) The Word Was Self-**Existent**.
  - The miracle of Christ's **Incarnation** is the theme
  - Philippians was written by the Apostle **Paul**
  - The key theme throughout the book is **Joy**
  - Paul's concern for **Unity** in the church at Philippi is the context of chapter two.
  - Verses 1-4, Paul's **Exhortation** for unity;
  - Verses 5-8 reveal Jesus' **Illustration** of humility;
  - Verses 9-11 show us God's **Exaltation** of His Son;
1. **Paul's Exhortation For Unity—2:1-4**
    - a. **"Therefore"** looks **Back**—1:27
    - b. **"Therefore"** looks **Forward**—2:1-2
    - c. **How** can we achieve this unity?—2:3-4
      - i. **"selfishness"** = grasping for personal **Gain**
      - ii. **"conceit"** = grasping for personal **Glory**
      - iii. **"lowliness of mind"** = regarding **Others** more important than self
  2. **Jesus' Illustration of Humility—2:5-8**
    - a. **"mind"** = **Attitude**
      - i. **"in Christ Jesus"**
        1. The attitude = **Humility**
        2. Paul's call is for believers to **Live** like Jesus
      - ii. The phrase **"this attitude"** looks both **Backward** and **Forward**.
      - iii. The **Goal** of believers having **"this attitude"** is spiritual **Unity** in the church
    - b. The **Exalted** Position Jesus Left
      - i. **"existed"** = present active participle denoting the "continuance of a **Present** state or existence."
      - ii. **"form"** = *morphe*, refers to the outward manifestation of an inner **Reality**.
      - iii. Jesus' form is that He is **God!**
    - c. The **Descent** Of Christ—vv. 6b-8
      - i. Although He continued to fully **Exist** as God, during His Incarnation He refused to hold on to His divine rights and prerogatives.
        1. Jesus **Emptied** Himself of five divine rights:
          - a. Divine **Glory**
          - b. Independent Divine **Authority**
          - c. Voluntary Exercise of Divine **Attributes**
          - d. Eternal **Riches**
          - e. Unique **Relationship**
        - ii. Jesus forsook the full rights of lordship by taking the form of a **Servant**
        - iii. **"likeness"** = that which is made to be like something else, not just in appearance, but in **Reality**.
        - iv. **Schema** = appearance; refers to **Outward** shape or form
        - v. Emphasis shifts from Jesus' nature and form to that of His personal **Appearance**
        - vi. Jesus went to the lowest point in His humiliation by dying as a **Criminal**.
        - vii. **Crucifixion** is perhaps the most cruel, painful, and shameful form of execution ever conceived.