

A Humble Christmas

Luke 2:1-7

Main Point:

Celebrate the humble birth of your Savior by living in humility 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 is because He had come to live a humble life for your salvation.

4. Celebrate the humble birth of your Savior by living in humility for Him.

Quotations and Cross-References

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

Luke 22:10-12 ¹⁰ And 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 2:5-7 ⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. (NKJV)

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 ³ He 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)

Philippians 2:8 ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. (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."

Philippians 2:3-4 ³ *Let nothing be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. (NKJV)