THE HUMBLE KING OF KINGS

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TWO ADAMS

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Paul tells us to have this mind among us. In other words, our minds should be unified in the truth that God Himself humbled Himself by becoming one of us for our sake, even to the point of death on the cross.

The First Adam

- * Was a man, created by God
- * Made in the Image of God
- * Sought independence from God
- * Exalted himself
- * Brought to death into mankind
- * Shifted blame belonging to him
- * Disobedient to the point of death

The Last Adam

- * Was God, who created man
- * Came in the likeness of man
- * Submitted to dependence on man
- * Humbled himself
- * Brought eternal life into mankind
- * Took blame belonging to others
- * Obedient to the point of death

How did this "Last Adam" empty Himself? Only Paul uses the word in the NT, and it means "make void, of no effect, of no reputation." So, *not* by being emptied of His deity, that would be impossible. Emptied of His visible outward glory? That is possible that it means that. But the most direct answer is revealed by the next word. How did He empty Himself? The next verse says, "by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men."

In other words, God did not become any *less than* what He already was, but He actually became *more than* what He was before, in the sense that He had never been a Man in the flesh, and now He was. He emptied Himself

THE GREAT REWARD

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The result of this emptying is in the next verses, indicated by the word "therefore." As a reward, God the Father will exalt His Son and give Him the Name that is above all names, which is the King of kings, and the Lord of lords. And what is the inheritance that He will receive from His Father? A people for His own possession; a bride to be wed for all eternity.

Revelation 5.1-5 // 2 Corinthians 5.21 // John 3.16

Jesus was born so that He could die. From His youth, indeed even from His birth, the cross cast its shadow ahead of Him. His death was central to His mission.

-John Stott, the Cross of Christ

The incarnation of Jesus Christ is the most implausible event in history. That an almighty and holy God would become a baby for the sake of sinners is, ultimately, wonderfully beyond our comprehension.

Revelation 19.11-16, 21.1-7 // Ephesians 2.1-10 // Romans 5.6-8



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Psalm 16:11

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan.**

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green Connection Card on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a Green Shirt at the Connection Booth outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll join us next Sunday and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth.** You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call Life Mission your home, you can place your gift the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at **katie@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our 9th - 12th graders stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact Casey Barnes at casey@lifemission.tv.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, ask if anyone is able to recite the memory verse.

Read **Philippians 2:5-11**. What impacted you the most from this passage or from the sermon on Sunday?

On Sunday, Pastor Jobey contrasted the First Adam with the Last Adam, Adam and Jesus Christ. List several of the key characteristics and differences of each (don't cheat by looking at the sermon notes!).

Christ filled the void Adam left behind and could never fill, and through His obedience and humility before the Father, Jesus brought hope and life to a world filled with darkness. What characteristics of Christ filling the void of Adam stand out to you the most and why (now you can cheat!)? How does Christ's perfect example of humility and sacrifice affect the way you interact with others and promote their interests over yours?

Read Romans 5:17, 19-21. Knowing that Adam's disobedience brought the dominion of sin and death but Christ's obedience conquered it and brought eternal life and righteousness, how can we daily seek to live in light of this truth? What prevents you from believing that where sin has increased, grace has abounded all the more?

Pastor Jobey illuminated the beauty of the incarnation and Christ taking on flesh and being born in the likeness of men. Read Colossians 1:19, Hebrews 2:17-18, 12:2. What do these verses say about the incarnation of Christ and the reward He had in sight as He took the form of a servant? Knowing that the founder and perfecter of our faith didn't come grudgingly to reconcile us to Himself but came with a hope of future joy, how do we joyfully empty ourselves and exalt His Name and glory in our lives?

Read Matthew 11:28-30. What does it look like for us to take His yoke upon ourselves and learn from His gentle and lowly heart? How can we exalt and share the beauty of Jesus to those around us who don't know Him?

As you close, praise Him for the implausible event of His Son taking the form of a servant and conquering sin and death and granting you eternal life and His righteousness. Ask that God would instill within you a gentle and lowly heart and mold you more and more into the image of Christ. Ask that He would give you opportunities to share the joy of Christ's humility and sacrifice.



Making Disciples Who Make Disciples Locally and Globally, Who are Saved, Equipped, and Sent by the Gospel.



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