

Celebrations

Christ and His Church

Celebrating Christ's Humility

Summary

When the world looks at the church, people see pride, self-righteousness, and self-glorification. People can then falsely assume these qualities onto Christ. Paul's gospel presentation in this passage completely defeats this mindset. As we proclaim Christ and as we seek to model him, we must show his humility clearly to the world. We must show this in our interactions with people who aren't Christians and in our interactions with each other.

Reflection Questions

1. Who are some people you might have the opportunity to share the gospel with as we approach Resurrection Sunday?
2. What are some misconceptions you've seen people believe about Jesus? What are some passages that shed truth on these misconceptions?
3. What stands out to you the most as you meditate on Jesus' humility?
4. How does this passage grow your view of Jesus?
5. How does Paul's application of the gospel (vv. 1-4) connect with his presentation of the gospel (vv. 5-11)?
6. Based on Paul's application of the gospel, what are some areas you think our church can grow to better reflect Jesus and better love each other? What about you personally?
7. Where do you tend to show rivalry, conceit, and self-interest in the church? How do you need to grow and change? How are you like James and John (Matthew 20:20-28)?
8. How could you use Philippians 2:5-11 to present the gospel to someone you know?

Notes:

1. Christ's Humility in Eternity (v. 6).

2. Christ's Humility in His Life (v. 7).

3. Christ's Humility in His Death (v. 8).

4. Christ's Exaltation for Eternity (vv. 9-11).