



The Humility of the Highest Part 2

Philippians 2:5-11

Big Idea: Jesus' willing steps downward into humiliation are a surprising ascent upward to end-time exaltation by everyone.

Outline:

1. Jesus' Surprising Path to Exaltation

- 1) Stepping Down into a Servant Lifestyle
- 2) Stepping Down to the Point of Death on a Cross
- 3) Stepping Down is the Surprising Path to Stepping Up

2. Jesus' Ascent to End-Time Exaltation

- 1) Resurrection and Right-Hand Exalted
- 2) Return and End-Time Exaltation
- 3) Everyone Will Eventually Exalt this Lord

Discussion Questions:

1. What details of Jesus' life show a servant spirit? How can we follow his example in our own lifestyle?
2. How would death *on a cross* be perceived in the ancient world? Why do you think Jesus would willingly allow Himself to be put to death in this particular way?
3. What can we learn from Jesus' humiliation for our own lives?
4. What are the steps and stages to Jesus' exaltation? Where is God's plan at now in that process?
5. *Who* will bow the knee to Jesus? Do you think everyone will do this "willingly" and worshipfully? Explain.
6. How does the exaltation of Jesus affect the way we...
 - a. Live our everyday lives?
 - b. Interact with our neighbors and community?
 - c. Interpret news, nations, and the trajectory of history?