



**The Descent**  
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*...who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross. Philippians 2:6-8 (CSB)*

**1. WHO IS THIS MAN?**

*Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. Philippians 2:7 (CSB)*

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 (NIV)*

He had a dual nature!

Humanity	Divinity
Was born in a barn Luke 2:7	Water into wine John 2
Was tempted Matthew 4:11	Healed Luke 17:12-19

Got tired Mark 4:35-38	Forgave sins Mark 2:5
Got angry Luke 19:45-46	Restored life Luke 7:11-17
Got hungry Matthew 4	Feeding of 5000 John 6
He wept and mourned John 11:35	Baptism affirmation of the Father Matthew 3:16
Desired human contact and friendship Matthew 26:40-41	Death and resurrection John 20

*For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form...Colossians 2:9 (NIV)*

**2. WHY THIS MAN?**

*...he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross. Philippians 2:8 (CSB)*

He had done only what God could've done. Being a Divine King with such power was never about getting, but it was always about giving.

**3. WHAT TO DO WITH THIS MAN?**

*I. Be like Him*

*Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus...Philippians 2:5 (CSB)*

*II. Trust in Him*

*For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (CSB)*