

# He Humbled Himself

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Have you ever considered how humble our Lord was? The Lord Jesus Christ *"...was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich"* (2 Corinthians 8:9). He gave up the treasures of Heaven for us! He lived in poverty and died a horrible death for us! Please notice the humility of our Lord:

**The Lord humbled Himself to become a man** - *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men"* (Philippians 2:5-7).

**He was submissive to his earthly parents** - *"And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart"* (Luke 2:51).

**He was submissive to His heavenly Father** - *"I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me"* (John 5:30).

**His submissive humility was displayed in His baptism** - *"Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him"* (Matthew 3:13-15).

**The Son of God washed men's feet!** - *"After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded"* (John 13:5).

**He descended from the loftiest heights of Heaven and humbled Himself to the lowest possible point - the point of death on the cross!** *"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross"* (Philippians 2:8).

There can be no doubt that the Lord Jesus Christ is the ultimate example of humility. After Christ's humble submission to death, He was exalted by God the Father: *"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"* (Philippians 2:9-11).

Christ taught us that we will also be exalted if we humble ourselves: *"For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted"* (Luke 14:11). May we look to His example of humble obedience, and heed the words of Paul: *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 2:5).