

MESSAGE NOTES

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“PERKS OF THE PASSION: WE HAVE A HUMBLE SERVANT!”

Who is your favorite athlete? What kinds of characteristics make them so likeable?

READ: Philippians 2:5-11

1. Jesus Humbled Himself _____!

Why was the Nicene Creed written?

- *“Who, being in very nature God” (v.6)*

What do we confess in the Nicene Creed about who Jesus is?

- *“We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.”*

How did Jesus humble Himself?

- *“For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.”*
- *“but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself” (v.7-8).*
- *“Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey” (Zechariah 9:9).*

- *“For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.”*

Why did Jesus allow himself to suffer and die in this way?

- *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).*

How was Jesus exalted?

- *“On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.”*

2. _____ His Humble Example!

What was Jesus’ Attitude?

- *“Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus” (v.5)*

What are some ways we can and cannot follow Jesus example?

In what ways do we fail to follow Jesus’ example?

- *“the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28).*

In what ways have we already been exalted by Jesus?

In what ways will we be exalted by Jesus?