

## APPRECIATION FOR HIS HUMILITY

Series: “WE’VE NEVER NEEDED CHRISTMAS MORE THAN NOW”, Part 2 of 4

Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: Selected Scriptures from Luke 2, Philippians 2, etc.

**Big Idea: The profound humility of God expressed in the incarnation should evoke in us a desire to seek that kind of character and “downward mobility” in our own lives.**

Luke 2:4-7, So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

### 1. GOD WANTED TO SHOW HOW MUCH HE CARES.

John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Luke 19:10, “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”

### 2. GOD WANTED TO REVEAL HOW HIS POWER IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29, “Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him.”

1 Corinthians 4:7, “For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?”

### **3. GOD WANTED TO INSPIRE US TO LIVE LIVES OF HUMILITY.**

Proverbs 11:2, “When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.”

James 4:6, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

Philippians 2:3-8, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross!”

1 John 2:6, “Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did.”