



Our message today will take us **over the “same ground”** of Scripture that we looked at together last time. In the course of our first study through Philippians 2:5-11, we saw it from a *lifestyle* perspective. We learned about the **“ultimate attitude of joy”** that Jesus possessed and how that attitude could become ours as well. Today we want to view this passage from

a *theological* vantage point. These verses contain wonderful truths about the magnificence of Christ as His awesomeness is beautifully portrayed. **The more we take a good look at this part of God’s Word, the more we will come** to realize what a great Lord we have in Jesus! No wonder every knee will bow to our Savior. No wonder every tongue will proclaim He is Lord. No wonder all glory will ultimately go to the Father who gave us His Son.

Where Did Jesus Come From?

1. (vv. 5-6 “**existed**”) **He didn’t come from ...**
2. (vv. 5-6 “**form**”) **He didn’t become ...**

What Does It Mean That Jesus *Emptied* Himself?

(v. 7)

1. He temporarily set aside the ...
2. **He veiled the ...**
3. He poured out ...

Why Did Jesus Come As A Man

1. (vv. 7-8) To ...
2. (1 John 2:6) To ...
3. (1 John 3:8) To ...
4. (Hebrews 4:14-16) To ...
5. (John 1:18; 14:19) To ...
6. (John 5:22, 27) To ...

How Do We Respond To Jesus

1. (v. 9/Perspective) Lift your ...
2. (v. 10/Worship & Service) Bend your ...
3. (v. 11/Testimony) Open your ...

For Thought & Talk

1. In vv. 5-6 Paul taught that Jesus has always existed. Theologians often refer to this as the **"eternality" of God (Psalm 90:2)**. **What are the practical, life applicational blessings to us from the truth that Jesus is eternal.**
2. From v.7 we learned that Jesus veiled the outward manifestation of His **glory as God. In other words, He didn't walk around earth shining like a trillion (plus) suns!** Yet, according to John 1:14, people still saw the glory of God through Him. How did Jesus do this? What does His example say to us **about how we can share God's glory with others?**
3. **What is the most meaningful reason to you that Jesus came to us "in the flesh?" How do the reasons PJ shared help our love for Jesus to develop?** Describe your love for Him.
4. Re-visit the three ways from vv9-11 that Jesus wants us to respond to Him. Which of these responses is easiest for you to give? What is your plan for growing in relation to the harder for you to give response(s)?