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He Was Made in Human Likeness

Philippians 2:5-7: "In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."

Points to Ponder

1. Take a moment to read this section of Scripture again and marvel at what Jesus did for you. What does it mean that he made himself nothing, that he took on the very nature of a servant?

2. In what ways does this section of Scripture speak to the dual nature of Christ? Why is it so important that Jesus is true God and true man?

3. Read Philippians 2:7. By becoming nothing for us, becoming one of us, what was he saying to us? In other words, what was Jesus' motivation for becoming nothing?

4. What does it mean in verse 5 to "have the same mindset as Christ Jesus"?

5. How do you personally reflect Christ's humility in your everyday life?

God in his greatness laid aside his power, his worship, and his authority and instead came to this earth to be ignored, disregarded, hated, and ultimately killed. He did this all so we could be crowned with his glory. He loves us so much that he traded places with us—his humility brought about our eternity.

What else does God say?

2 Corinthians 8:9: You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

Hebrews 4:15: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.