

THE STORY OF JESUS

(Philippians 2:5-11)

- I. **Chapter 1 – The majesty of His person (Philippians 2:5-6).**
 - a. Who is this strange and wonderful person named Jesus?
 - i. He is more than a teacher, philosopher, prophet, or man - Jesus was and is God.
 - ii. John 3:2.
 - iii. Jesus was much more than a teacher from God – Jesus was God who came to teach.
 - b. A lot of people have trouble with the concept the Bible teaches, that we worship a Triune God – God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit.
 - i. Many do not understand the deity of Jesus.
 - ii. Several religious groups teach that Jesus was a created being.
 - iii. The New Testament teaches that Jesus is God and that He came in the flesh (John 8:24, 58).
 - iv. This was something that Philip had a hard time with as well (John 14:8-9).
 - c. Listen to Isaiah 9:6.
 - i. Child is a reference to His humanity.
 - ii. Son is a reference to His deity.
 - iii. Mighty God and Everlasting Father.
 - iv. This is a 4-fold description of the deity of Jesus.
 - d. The story of Jesus begins with an understanding that Jesus is deity.
- II. **Chapter 2 – The miracle of His birth (Philippians 2:7).**
 - a. How did Jesus make Himself of no reputation?
 - i. He took on human flesh.
 - ii. Think of what Jesus left in order to do that and come to this earth.
 - b. Why was He virgin born?
 - i. Jesus came to be our sinless substitute because sin separates man from God (Isaiah 59:1-2).
 - ii. The fact is: sin must be paid for.
 - iii. God never has and never will overlook the slightest piece of a single sin.
 - iv. All sin will either be pardoned in Christ or punished in hell, but no sin will ever be overlooked.
 - c. Jesus came to die (Psalm 88:15).
 - d. In order to be our substitute, Jesus had to be a man.
 - i. A God could not be a substitute for man any more than a man could be a substitute for God, so Jesus had to come as a man.
 - ii. To redeem us, He had to be a sinless man (Hebrews 4:15; Isaiah 53:9).
 - e. Jesus was the Son of man and the Son of God at the same time.
 - i. He was born of a virgin in order for us to be born again.

- ii. He came to earth in order for us to go to heaven.
- iii. He became the Son of man in order for us to be the sons and daughters of God.

III. Chapter 3 – The manner of His life (Philippians 2:7-8).

- a. The wonderful life Jesus lived never was, has, or will be lived by another.
 - i. Jesus was the Bread of life but went hungry for 40 days.
 - ii. Jesus was the Water of life yet cried out I thirst while on the cross.
 - iii. Jesus had the power to still a raging sea, yet children would come sit in His lap.
 - iv. Jesus never wrote a book, but libraries are filled with books about Him.
 - v. Jesus was absolutely sinless, yet sinners received Him and He was called the friend of sinners.
- b. No one in history has ever had the effect on the human race that Jesus has had.
 - i. Those that heard Him said, “Never man spake like this man” (John 7:46).
 - ii. Jesus could look at His enemies and say, “Which of you convinceth me of sin” (John 8:46)
- c. Even today, 2,000 years removed from Jesus being on earth, His manner of life is still effecting people.
- d. He is still the One in whose steps we must follow and many are striving to do just that.

IV. Chapter 4 – The misery of His death (Philippians 2:8).

- a. Have you ever wondered why the Romans used the cross as a means of execution?
 - i. It was to strike terror in the hearts of all who witnessed one.
 - ii. It was to send the message: “Whatever you do, don’t let this happen to you”.
 - iii. Sermons and expositions have been given on the suffering one endured while being crucified, but we really can’t imagine the feeling of it.
- b. Our Lord’s death was not fiction as some suggest.
 - i. Also, He did not suffer as deity, but as a man.
 - ii. In fact, He suffered more than a mere man would on that cross.
 - iii. He suffered the pain, but also the weight of my sin, my shame, and my separation, and that of all mankind.
- c. Why did Jesus suffer all these things (John 3:16)?
- d. Have you ever questioned whether or not God loves you?
 - i. Imagine being a parent and watching your child agonize on a cross, being put to death, even though completely innocent.
 - ii. God the Father looked on as His Son suffered immensely and did nothing to stop it because it was the only way you and I could be saved.
- e. Think about all the lies that have been told this weekend in Walker County.
 - i. Then compound that by all the lies told this weekend across the state.

- ii. Then, compound that by adding to that number all the sins committed across the state.
 - iii. All of that was on the shoulders of Jesus.
 - f. While that would be more than any of us could bear, Jesus bore the sins of all time, past, present, and future (1 John 2:2).
 - g. When you and I come to the cross, we see the Lord's shame, sorrow, suffering, and separation.
 - h. But more than that, we ought to see sin for what it really is and what it really costs.
 - i. Think of the what all took place while Jesus was on that cross.
 - i. He cried out, My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?
 - ii. Paul was inspired to write that Jesus became sin for us even though He knew no sin (2 Corinthians 5:21).
 - iii. God the Father, who is of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, had to allow His Son to die alone in order to bear the weight of our sins.
 - j. David would write that God was with him while he walked through the valley of the shadow of death, but Jesus was all alone.
 - k. John 19:33-34.
 - i. Little did that soldier know that the heart of Jesus was already broken.
 - ii. But the day His heart was broken was the day ours kept beating.
 - iii. The day His body was bruised and beaten was the day our bodies began to mend and to heal.
 - iv. The day that He cried "it is finished" is the day our lives began.
 - l. Inspiration, in order to imprint on our minds the misery Jesus endured, had Paul write that Jesus became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross – not just any death, but the death caused by hanging on a cross.
- V. Chapter 5 – The might of His resurrection (Philippians 2:9).**
- a. Jesus has a name that is above every name.
 - i. Others in history have names of note – Confucius, Buddha, Mohammed.
 - ii. These died and are still dead, but Jesus died and He lives.
 - b. They put the body of Jesus in a tomb and Pilate said, "Make it as sure as you can".
 - i. Nature made it as sure as it could because they rolled a huge stone over the entrance.
 - ii. The Romans made it as sure as they could, placing a seal on the tomb and a guard outside it.
 - iii. Unbelief made it as sure as it could because the Jews mocked the idea of Jesus being raised from the dead.
 - iv. Death made it as sure as it could, because the body of Jesus lay cold in the tomb.
 - c. But as the great hymn says, "Death cannot keep its prey".

- d. Up from the grave He arose and that is the difference between true Christianity and all other religions – Jesus lives.
- VI. Chapter 6 – The magnificence of His reign (Philippians 2:10-11).**
- a. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.
 - i. There have been people in this life who never bowed before any one, but they will bow before Jesus.
 - ii. Every world leader throughout history will bow.
 - iii. Every general of every army in history will bow.
 - iv. The most antagonistic atheists in history will bow.
 - v. So will every elder, deacon, preacher, and person.
 - b. Every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.
 - i. The person who only uses the Lord’s name in vain in this life, will, on that day, confess Him the sweet name of Jesus.
 - ii. The person who only profanes the Lord’s name in this life, will, on that day confess it.
 - iii. The person who hypocritically swears allegiance to that name in this life, will, on that day, truly confess it.
 - c. Let us make sure that we have confessed the name of Jesus honestly, joyously, and with sincerity in this life so that we don’t do it with absolute regret and fear in the next.

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