

The Glory of the Humble

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Luke 2:10-12

The mission of Jesus:

1. Bring humility back to the earth
2. Show what humility looks like
3. Make humility available to us

Jesus is the humility of God wrapped in humanity.

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. Philippians 2:6-7

Humility in the life of Jesus:

The son can do nothing by himself – John 5:19

I do not accept glory from human beings – John 5:41

I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me – John 6:38

My teaching is not my own – John 7:16

I am not here on my own authority – John 7:28

I am not seeking glory for myself – John 8:50

Jesus teaching Humility:

The Sermon on the Mount

Washing the feet of the disciples

Humility in the death of Jesus

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! Philippians 2:8

Why is humility so vital for our Christian walk?

The only way we can come to God is through humility.

The only way you can truly know God is through humility.

Pride

Pride distorts your image of God.

Pride distorts your image of yourself.

Pride makes faith impossible.

What is Humility?

“True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.” C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

“A gospel-humble person is not a self-hating person or a self-loving person, but a self-forgetful person.” Timothy Keller, *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness*

How do I humble myself before God?

The first step is to realize that one is proud.

The second is to realize that humility is only achieved as a by-product of understanding and believing in the gospel of grace.