

Why Was He Brought So Low?

Humility, humiliation, and humiliating circumstances. These conditions are separated by one very important reality - are we voluntarily giving up our dignity? Why would God do such a thing?

Scripture(s): Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 5:8-9; 4:15; 2:9-15
Remember this - The humility of Jesus' life and sacrifice show how _____ a salvation He has purchased for us.

I. The first reason that Jesus was brought so low when He came to earth is just so He would be like _____. By going through our process, Jesus proves He is who He says He is; and He can _____ us in a very real way.

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

II. The second reason that Jesus was brought so low when He came to earth is He would set us _____ for God. The goal of the humility of Jesus is our salvation and _____.

Hebrews 2:14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

III. The third reason that Jesus was brought so low when He came to earth is _____ would raise Him up. Jesus' humility and humiliating circumstance reminds us that our humiliation is never the _____.

"But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:27-38

Implications:

1. We are _____ to be like Jesus as He became like us.
2. Humbling circumstances are used by God to _____ our character just as they revealed the character of Jesus.
3. Much of the walk of faith is trusting that God will make _____ what hurts or embarrasses us.

What should we do?

1. Receive the salvation that is offered to those who would _____ Jesus.
2. Deal honestly with God's invitation to trust Him to do the _____ and rewarding.
3. Let love and not _____ motivate the choices of your life.

Ask Jesus...

Will you help me to understand why You died for me that I might discover how much I can trust You? But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Philippians 3:7-11

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