

Take the Low Road



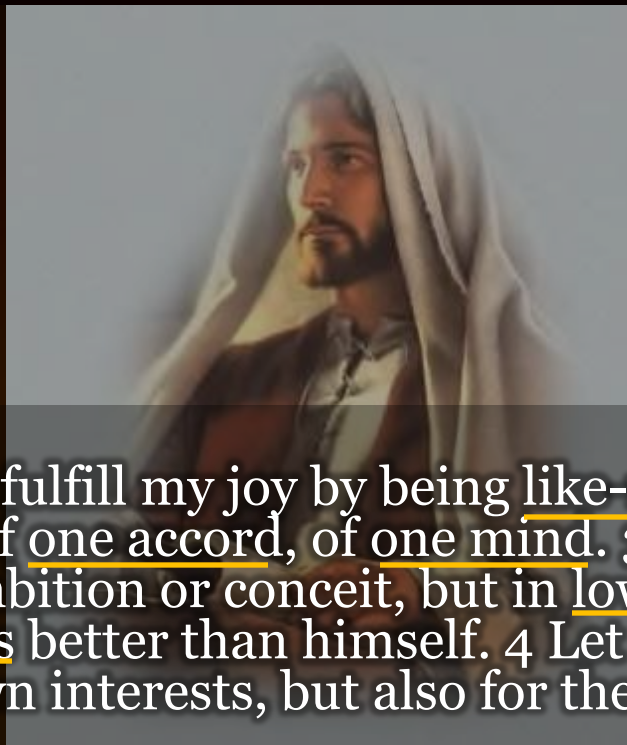
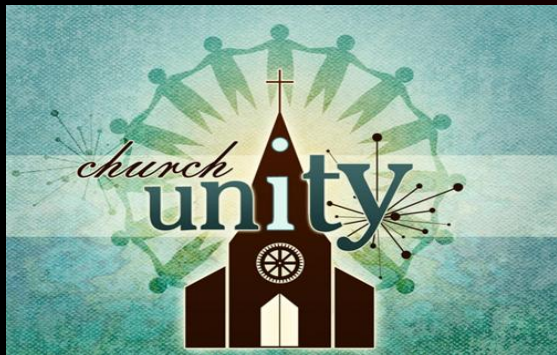
Philippians 2:5-11

Paul's Goal of Unity...



- Philippians 2:2-4 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others...

Our ultimate role model...



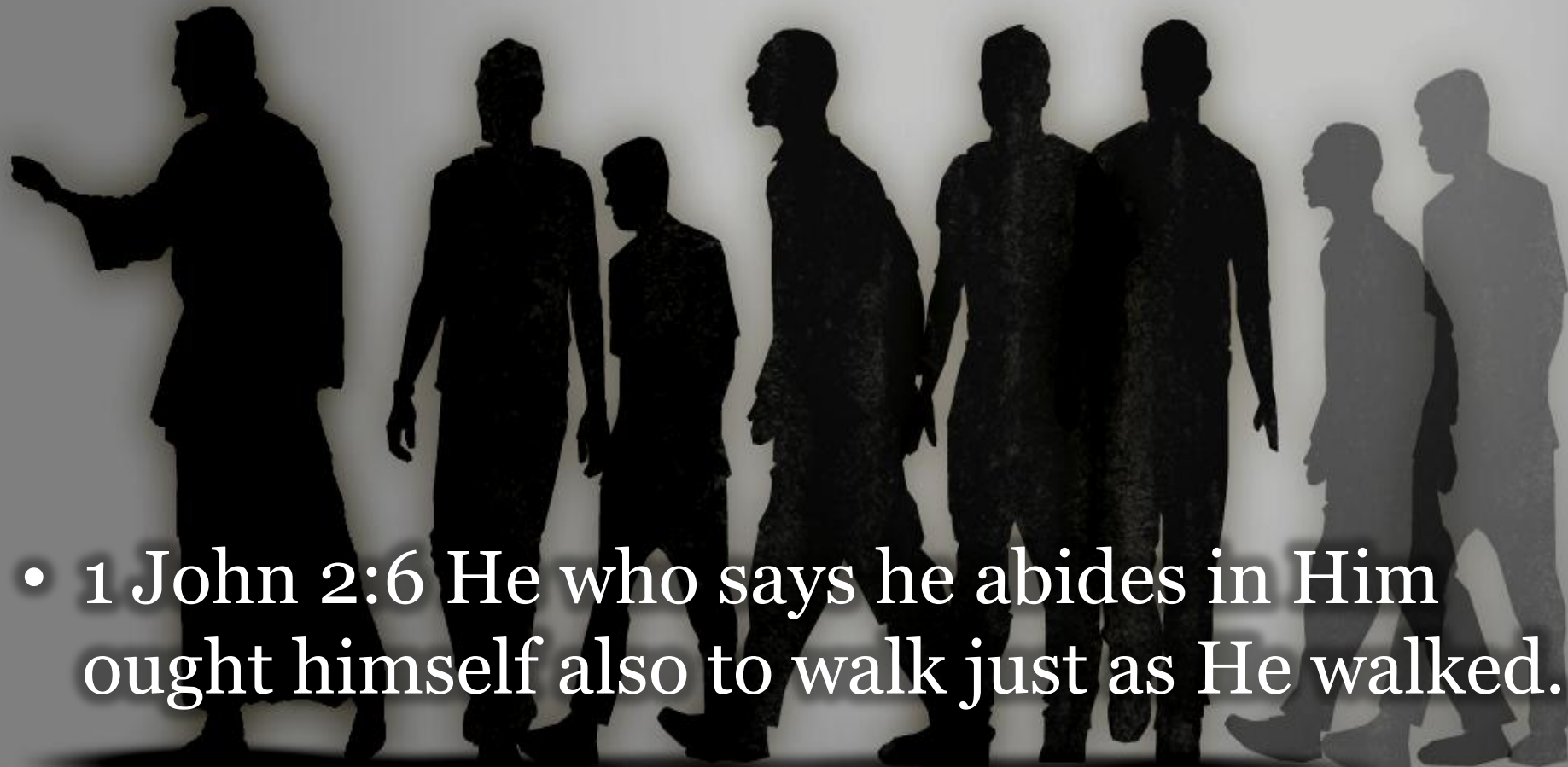
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- Humility, unselfishness, concern for others as shown by Jesus...

The One Mind...

- 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God.... humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. ...

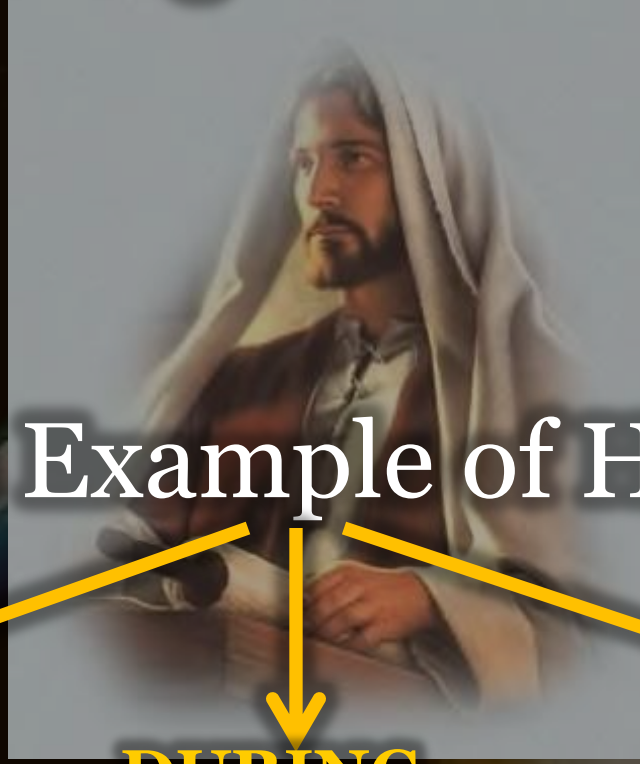
Follow His Example...



- 1 John 2:6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

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Christ's Example of Humility



BEFORE

In His pre-existent state
before His birth

DURING

In His earthly
existence

AFTER

In His exalted
state in heaven

BEFORE Coming to Earth..

- Philippians 2:5-6 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God..



Philippians 2:6

John 1:1-3,14

Isaiah 9:6-7

Col. 1:16-18

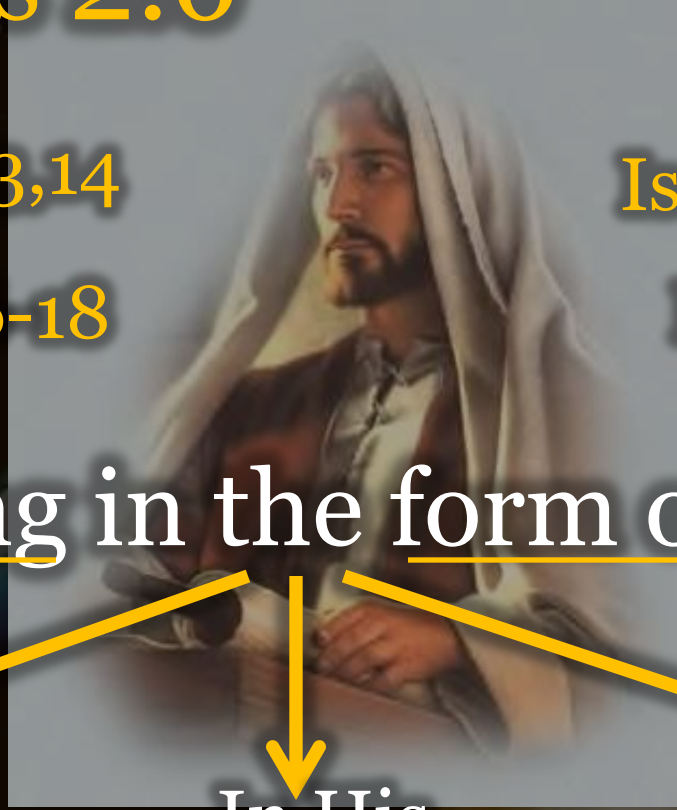
Heb 1:3

Existing in the form of God

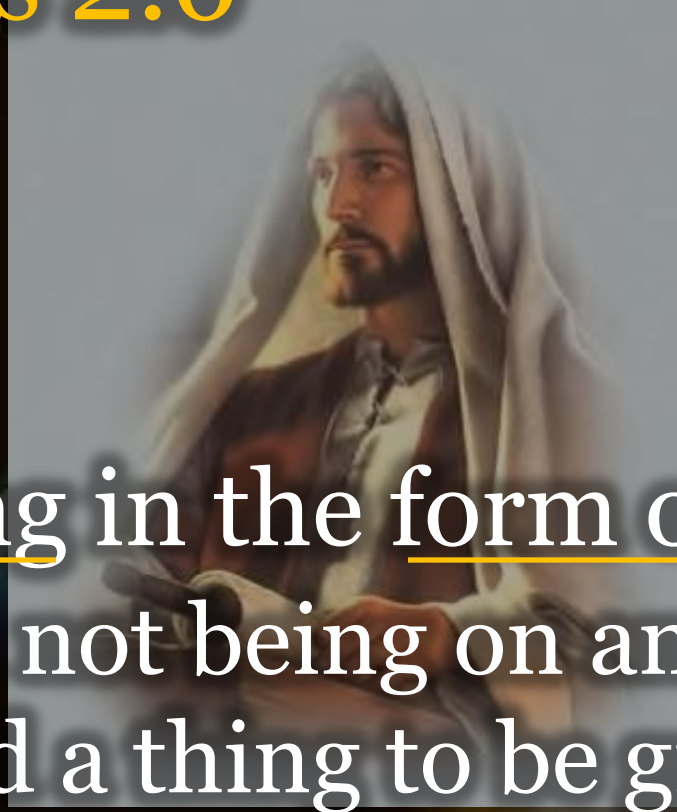
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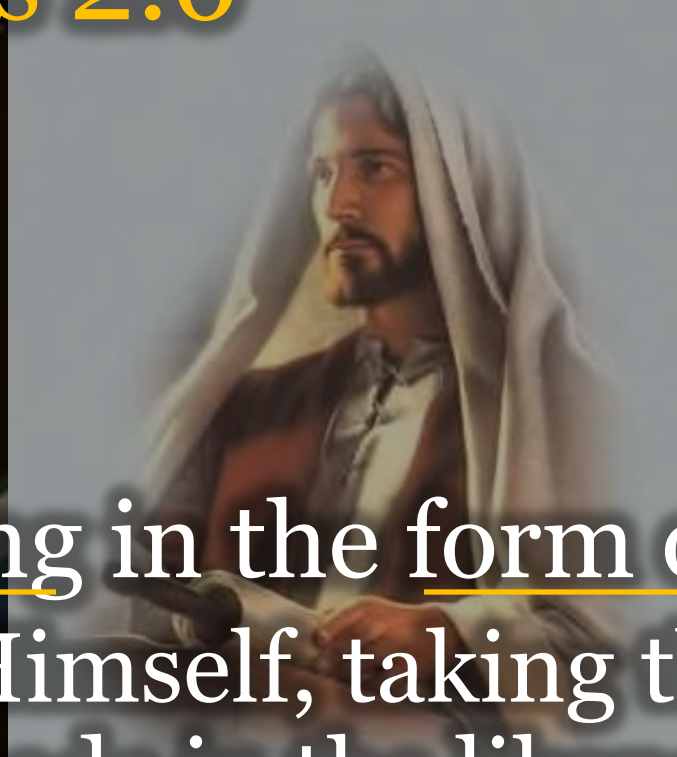
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Existing in the form of God
Counted not being on an equality
with God a thing to be grasped..

Matt. 5:44-45; Acts 14:16-17; 17:25

Philippians 2:6



Existing in the form of God

... emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, made in the likeness of men..

John 5:18; 14:9; 20:27; Heb 13:8

The form of God..



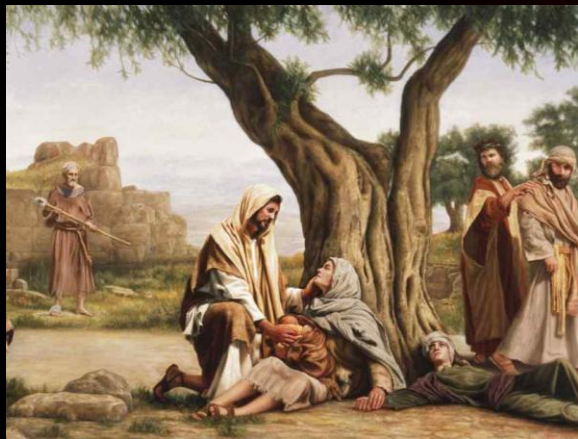
- The exact image, perfect replica or representation of God ...

Did not consider robbery to be equal with God..



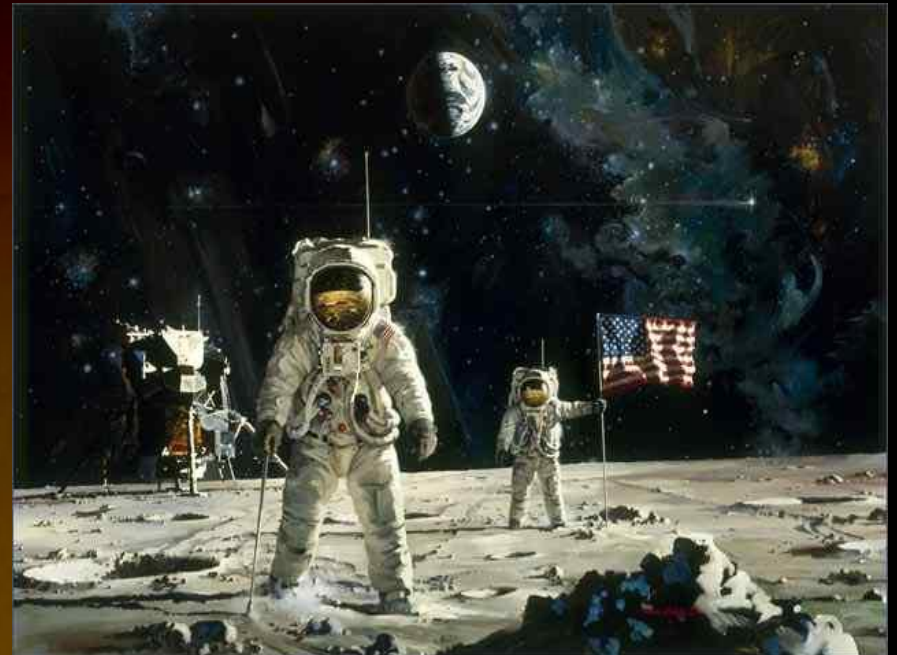
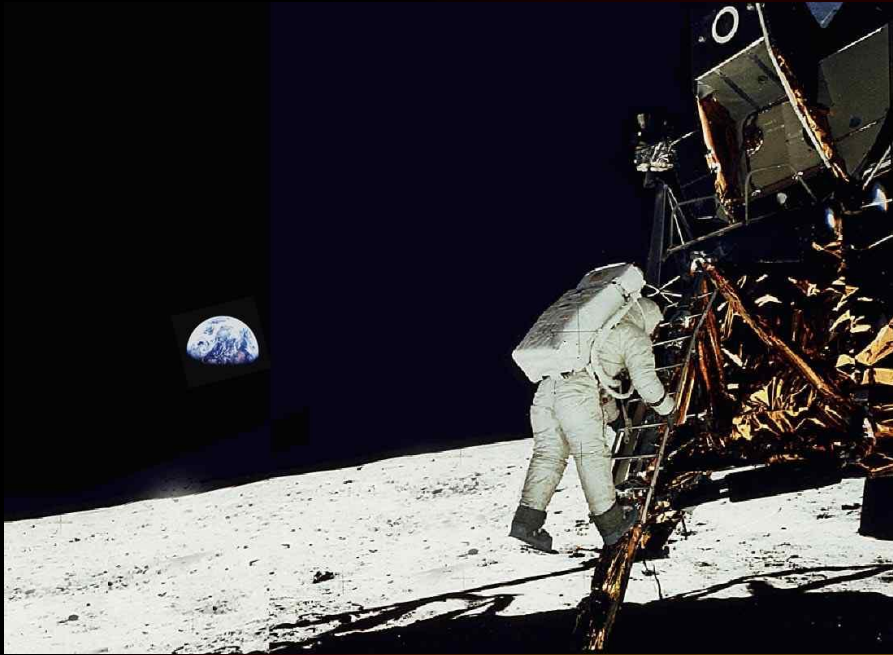
- “Did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped” but emptied Himself taking the form of a bondservant and being made in the likeness of men..

DURING His time on earth..



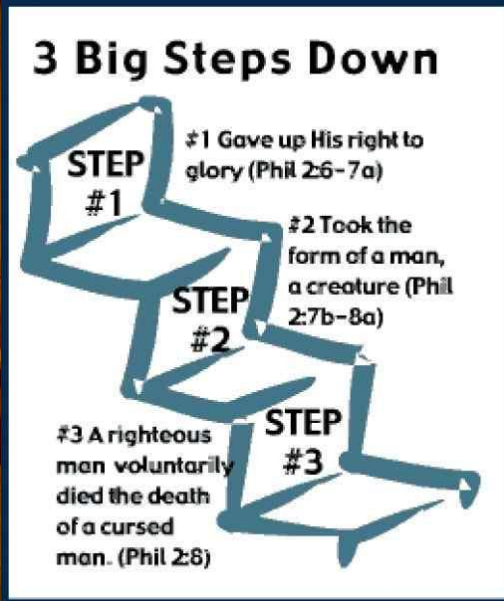
- Philippians 2:7-8 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

One small step for a man..



- One giant step for mankind ...

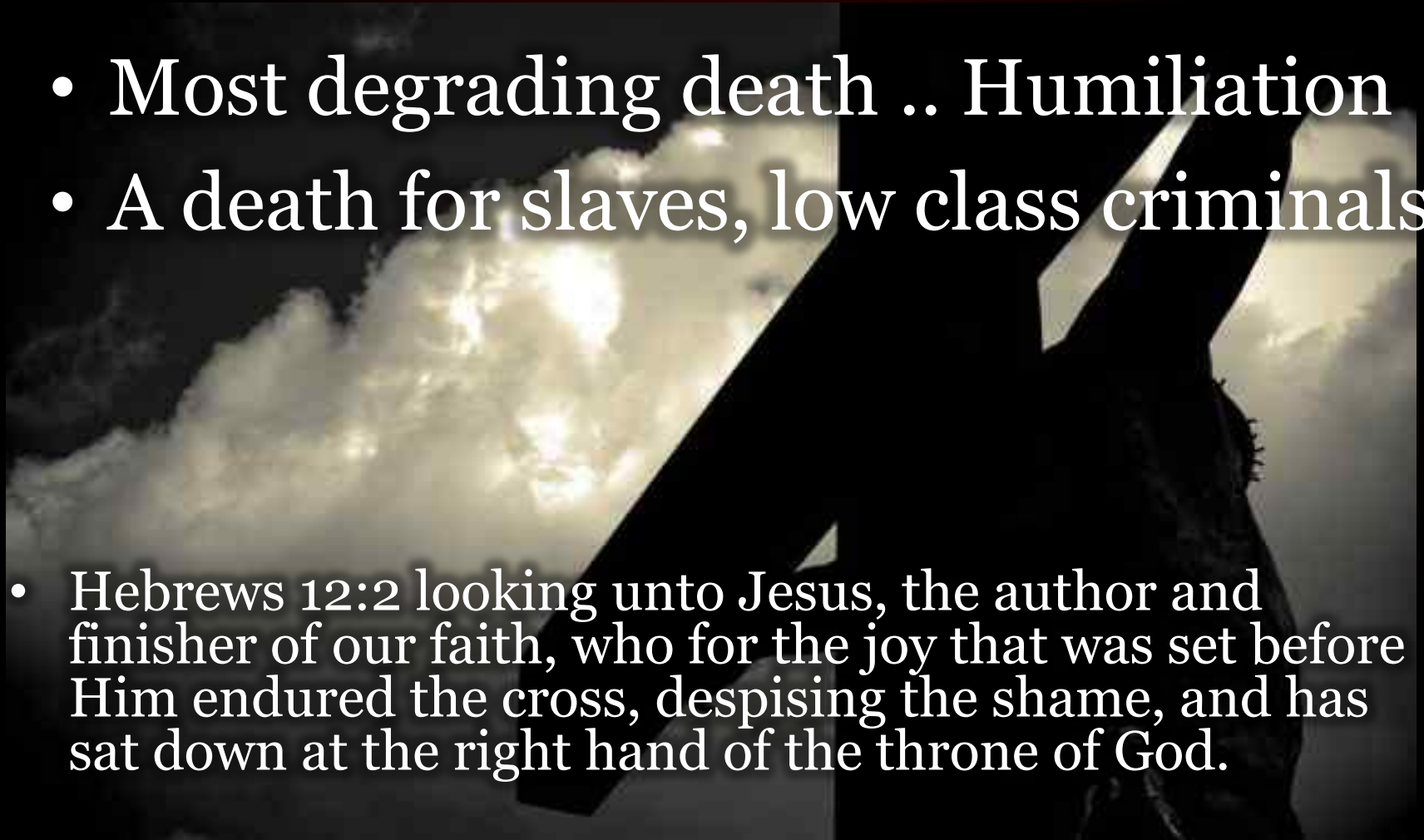
Took the form of a servant...



- Mark 10:44-45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Even the death of the cross..

- Most degrading death .. Humiliation
- A death for slaves, low class criminals
- Hebrews 12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.



AFTER coming to earth..

JESUS

- Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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JESUS

- Romans 10:9-10 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Have This Mind in You



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