



A VINTAGE CHRISTMAS

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What Child Is This?
Philippians 2:5–11

Every Advent and Christmas season we're reminded of why we celebrate in the first place. For nearly 2,000 years Christians all over the world have worshiped the Son of God incarnate—Jesus of Nazareth. But for someone we celebrate every year, many of us know little about him or why we worship him. This Advent season join Vintage Church as we investigate a key Jesus' passage—Philippians 2:5–11—and discover why we celebrate his birth.

We begin our Advent study looking at the beginning of Philippians 2:5–11. Paul looks at the two natures of Jesus in his one person. Jesus is fully God and at the same time fully human.

- As you reflect on the message, what stood out to you? What is something you are still thinking about?
- What is something from the message that challenged you? How are you wrestling with that challenge?
- What question(s) do you have from the message?
- What is at least one practical takeaway from the message?

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5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, **6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, **7** but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. **8** And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. **9** Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, **10** so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- What is the season of Advent about? Why is the nature of Jesus so important to not only Christmas but Advent?
- How does the Apostle Paul describe Jesus' divine nature?
- How does the Apostle Paul describe Jesus' human nature?
- Why is it significant for Jesus to be both fully God and fully human?
- What is the significance of the divine Son of God "humbling himself?" What does this teach us about humility and service?
- What keeps you from humbling yourself and putting others first?
- What is the significance of the Jesus, the Son of Man, becoming humbly obeying the Lord? What does this teach us about humility and obedience?
- What keeps you from humbling yourself and obeying God?
- What is your hope for this Advent season? What do you hope the Lord does in you and through you? Close your time praying for one another and these hopes.