From Servant To Saviour

He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. —Philippians 2:8

Some commentators believe that Philippians 2:6-11 (look it up) may have been part of an early Christian hymn. Believers praised Jesus because He "made Himself of no reputation" (v.7) and chose to put aside His own rights and privileges as God, to become a man. Not just any man, but a lowly servant-born and placed in an animal feeding trough-a manger. As a man, Jesus gave Himself to be murdered as a criminal on a Roman execution rack. How high He was, and how low He came!

Yet look at what the early Christians sang about. They praised Jesus Christ, who will one day be acknowledged by everyone as Lord and King, and will reign in glorious triumph (v.11).

A Christmas card a few years ago captured the truth of this hymn and the irony of what Jesus did. On the front of the card was a montage of many kings and dictators who have appeared throughout history: Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Napoleon Bonaparte, Adolf Hitler, Vladimir Lenin. The caption on the front of the card said: "History is crowded with men who would be gods." Then on the inside were the words: "But only one God who would be man."

We still sing about and worship that God who became a servant to become our Saviour. He can be your Saviour if you will turn from sin and turn to Him. See Wayne for more information.



He humbled Himself, our great God and King, He humbled Himself, of Jesus we sing; He humbled Himself, a servant was He— *He died on the cross for you and for me.*—*Fitzhugh*

In Christ, God veiled His deity to serve and to save humanity.

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We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after the carols.

Hymn 87, (Joy to the World)..prayer

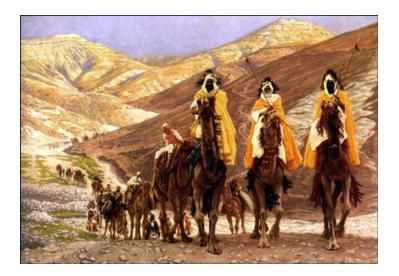
"The Magi". (Tim Andrews with the Kids Bible Club/Cubbies)

Hymn 92, (O Little Town of Bethlehem)

"Joy has Dawned". (Leslie Andrews)

Prayer

Hymn 93, (Hark the Herald Angels Sing)



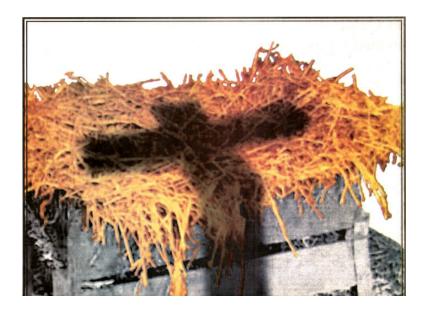
Born to Die. (Martinovici Family)

Hymn 95, (While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks)

O Holy Night. (Leslie Andrews)

Is This All There is? (Wayne Robilliard)

Hymn 100, (O Come All Ye Faithful)



Is This All There Is?

(*Matthew 20:28*) ""just as the **Son of Man did not come** to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.""

(Mark 1:38) ".. "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth.""

(John 18:37) "... For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.""

(John 5:43) ""I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me;" (John 6:38) ""For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

(John 1:12) "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:"

(*Matthew 2:2*) ".. ".. we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."" (*Luke 2:20-21*) "Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

<u>{21}</u> And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb."

(Matthew 5:6-9) "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. {7} Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. {8} Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. {9} Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God."

(*Psalms 23:1-2*) "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. {2} He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters."

(*Psalms 23:6*) "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever."

