

**Sermon Title: At the Name of Jesus** 

To be used with Session 2: The Majesty of God's Name

**Scripture: Philippians 2:6-10** 

Connection with the Study: To complement the study, "The Majesty of God's Name," this study will help listeners that Jesus, being God, is the name which no one can escape, disregard, or ignore. Ultimately, all people will gain this understanding at the end of days when everyone in heaven, earth, and under the earth will experience the truth of His identity. They will have no choice but to confess Him as God, having the most majestic name of names, having been exalted by the Father by humbling Himself in obedience and providing salvation through his death on the cross, His resurrection, and His triumph. Those choosing rebellion will conclude, although irrevocably too late for them, that He was, is, and shall be God forevermore.

**Introduction:** The old chorus, *He is Lord*, contains the following lyrics,

He is Lord, He is Lord, He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess That Jesus Christ is Lord."

The author, Steve Vest, writes, "I wrote the lyrics and tune of "He is Lord" in the spring of 1969. I was very active among the Jesus People. My original song only has two verses. Too many verses take away from the flow of the melody. . . "The second verse is: You're my Lord, You're my Lord You have risen from the dead, and You're my Lord. With my knee, I will bow, and with my tongue, confess that Jesus, You're my Lord. \(^1\)

Jesus is Lord. He is God. His name is majestic. He came to earth fulfill a mission. One day, everyone will bow before Him. As believers, we are responsible to live in that blessed reality and spread the good news to a world of people who do not have that hope.

## Jesus chose humility (Phil. 2:6)

Why would Jesus's name be majestic? His name is majestic because Jesus came to earth as a willing participant, humbling Himself as a mere babe, already being fully God and then fully man, becoming our eternal high priest, as well. God chose to be humble, although He is God. The humility of Christ ultimately provided us with eternal life, imputing His innocence upon those who would call Him Lord and Savior. In a world that required intercession by sacrifices and priests, He chose to be both.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://hymnary.org/text/he is lord he is lord, accessed September 11, 2023.

From our perspective, there is no reason God should ever stoop to become man. Try to place yourself in this position. Most of us will barely roll down a window to speak to a homeless person. Jesus left heaven for us. Grasping the immensity of God stooping to become man is difficult from our perspective. Jesus chose to leave His heavenly realm, locking Himself in His human body, so we could be saved.

## Jesus came to serve (Phil. 2:7-9)

Jesus became a servant to those He created: mankind. Imagine choosing to become a dog or cat, living among them, and serving them for their sake. As ridiculous as that seems, attempt to imagine the King of kings choosing to become a human for the sake of serving them. God stooped to do just that.

Once He was here, He subjected Himself to every temptation, pain, loss, and grief each of us experience. God chose to suffer as we suffer. He chose to live as we live. He was obedient to the Father's will and to the natural pains of life on earth as a human. He was ultimately obedient to death. He endured insolence and insult, suffering the death of a common criminal, yet He never retaliated or called upon His Father for rescue. Jesus is Lord. Jesus is God. God is majestic because of His unique holiness. There is no one else like Him. Jesus's actions displayed God's majesty.

How uncommon is it for us to desire to serve others? Our tendency is to serve ourselves and allow others to fend for themselves. God chose to serve. We must choose the same to reflect who He is.

## All people will confess His majesty (Phil. 2:10)

Every person on earth is either a believer or a future believer in the lordship of Christ. Some may deny the truth of the gospel now, but one day, they will admit the truth. Everyone who passes away and enters heaven, already following Jesus, will proclaim His majesty. Everyone living on earth when He returns, whether already believers or not, will recognize the truth. Everyone, however, who passes away without having a relationship with Jesus will proclaim His majesty upon realizing their eternal demise and the futility of their selfish choice to continue living in rebellion and denial of the truth of the gospel. Not everyone will be saved, but one way or the other, everyone will believe.

These words are both hopeful and harsh. They are hopeful for those who know the Lord and look forward to meeting Him face-to-face. We must embrace the truth, not avoiding its harshness These words are harsh for those who deny Him. They are, however, very true. The name of Jesus is majestic. He is Lord. Our focus in life should be to know God more intimately and to more adequately make His name known.

## **Conclusion:**

There are many hymns and songs whose words proclaim the majesty and beauty of the name of Jesus. Grasping the exaltation of His name escapes us at times, yet we must proclaim His name through all we are and in all we do. The Great Commission, found at the end of the Gospel of Matthew tells us it is our responsibility to proclaim the name of Jesus as we go, to make disciples, baptize them, and teach them all He has taught us. Consider how you are teaching

others about God's majesty. Ask Him to help you be bolder in sharing the truth of your faith and helping others grow in Christ.

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