

Were You There Lenten Devotional
Thursday March 21, 2024

Scripture:
Philippians 2:8-11

8 And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Devotion:

Jesus is the very essence of God, Who went from being seated in the highest place of honour and power, to the very lowest possible position - death on a Cross. Being in the form of God from eternity past, He willingly took upon Himself the form of a man, and was born into the very race He Himself had created. He chose to honour the will of the Father and drink His cup of suffering and humiliation. His desire was to fulfil His Father's will and redeem the very race that rebelled against Him - by shedding His own blood for us and dying on the Cross, in our place.

But Jesus did not lie in the grave. His sinless life was a deathless life, for only the soul that sins shall die... and Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life. Jesus was not deserving of death, but chose to give His life willingly, as the ransom price for the sin of the world. The only payment God could accept in exchange for humankind's sin, was the sacrifice of a perfect, human life. Only Christ Jesus, the sinless Son, could fulfil the righteous requirements of God's Law.

Prayer:

Loving Father, thank You for Jesus, my Saviour and King, my Lord and my God Who alone is worthy to receive all honour and praise. I pray that I draw ever closer to Him and that I may decrease and He may increase, until Christ is seen in me. In His name I pray, AMEN.