

ISAIAH 7:14

He's Here With Us



Born out of Love, Empowered by Humility

God sneaks into the world under the cover of a star lit night. Emmanuel, God with us! The angels sing and the animals gather close to witness the birth of our Saviour. It all seems to happen under the cover of darkness, no bright lights, no flashy signs, not even whisper from the local news anchor.

What in the world is going on?

As the world would come to discover, Jesus comes in humility!

Humility, it comes from the Latin word *humilis*, which literally means low. How about this for a statement? *Having a posture of humility makes us willing to meet others where they are, as opposed to telling others where they need to go.*

As we draw close to Christmas, think about how the One who sat in the heavens embodied that statement. Allow it to penetrate your heart as you start to reflect on the posture of humility that Jesus took on in order to meet us where we are.

Seated comfortably in the lofty realms of heaven, Jesus chose to assume a posture of humility that landed him in the midst of a smelly manger surrounded by the beasts that shared the same space. From the smelly manger to a torturous road where a cross awaited Him, Jesus chose humility. Jesus chose love. Jesus chose You!

Out of His great love for you, Jesus left everything and risked it all for the purpose of meeting you, no matter where you are. Peter writes, Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. (1 Peter 3:18)

Jesus left the comforts of home, to walk in a fallen world, to suffer to the point of death, just to bring you safely home to God.

Through the humility of Christ, we have been given the greatest gift of all, eternal life. In return, we have been commissioned with one thing, to pattern our lives in humility, as modeled for us through Christ, in order to point others towards the cross and the love of God.

May you embrace the posture of humility in response to God's love.

Merry Christmas,
Pastor Christopher