

## II. Jesus, the second Adam, said “**I will go down**”

*“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.”*

Philippians 2:5-7

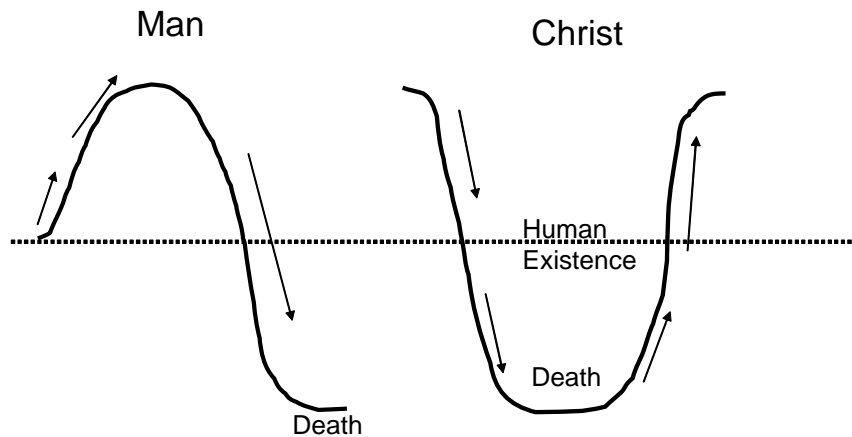
Jesus did not let go of being **God**.

Jesus apparently let go of his **glory** and **status** as God.

What moved the Son of God was seeing our **hopelessness**.

Jesus came down in two major steps:

- **Christmas** - the **incarnation**
- **Death** under the full **judgment** of God



## Small Group Discussion Guide:

- 1) In what way might it be detrimental to one's spiritual health to know the life and teachings of Jesus too well?
- 2) Discuss the various ways you hear the name of Jesus being used today? How have you used and how do you personally use the name of Jesus?
- 3) If Jesus didn't use military might or political power or monetary clout, then what explains his extraordinary impact on the world?
- 4) What would this world be like if Man had not rebelled against God?
- 5) Can you think of other ways God could have redeemed us other than sending the Son of God (Jesus) into the world?
- 6) In what ways were Lucifer's (Satan's) rebellion (Isaiah 14:12-14) and Adam and Eve's rebellion (Genesis 3:1-7) similar? In what areas and in what ways in life is your rebellion similar?
- 7) What is the primal sin of all? Why? How does this particular sin affect your life?
- 8) What did the Son of God give up and what did he not give up in becoming a human being?

- 9) Read Philippians 2:1-11. As you look at imitating the mind of Christ, in what areas of your life do you need encouragement, comfort, or joy? How are certain areas of your life more motivated out of selfish ambition than the mind of Christ?



# Redeeming Notes

Pastor Dave Glesne..... God Joins the Human Race - Why?  
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The life and teaching of Jesus is absolutely **preposterous**, and **unique**, and **outrageous**.

Jesus' name is used

- **reverently** as a **blessing**
- as a **swear word**

Jesus had an **extraordinary impact** on the world

The series will look at two main things:

- Jesus as the **Savior**
- Jesus as our **model**

**“Why did God join the human race?”**

“Incarnation” literally in Latin is ‘in carna’ which means “**in flesh**”

I. Man became alienated from God because of **sin** (Gen. 3)

Prior to Adam, the good angel **Lucifer** rebelled against God.

*“I will go up. I will ascend to heaven. I will raise my throne above the stars of God....I will make myself like the Most High.”* Isaiah 14:12-14

Satan then comes and **tempts** Adam and Eve

*“You will be like God, knowing good and evil.”* Genesis 3:5

## Daily Reading Plan:

Monday - John 1

Tuesday - Luke 1:26-80

Wednesday - Luke 2

Thursday - Philippians 2

Friday - Matthew 1

Weekend - Matthew 2