

## Humility

- Have you ever listened to some sports stars?
- They boast about themselves and their abilities.
- I remember Muhammed Ali saying I am the greatest.
- In this world we have people that feel they should be treated differently than others because of their status in life. (rich, models, actors, musicians, etc.)
- Sometimes in our prideful state we put others down so we feel better about ourselves.
- Paul tells the Philippians **5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.**
- Jesus Christ's willingness to become a human being
- **2 Corinthians 8:9 (NLT) — 9 You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich.**
- The Old Testament predicted Christ's humility
- **Isaiah 42:2–3 (NLT) — 2 He will not shout or raise his voice in public. 3 He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. He will bring justice to all who have been wronged.**
- **Isaiah 53:9 (NLT) — 9 He had done no wrong and had never deceived anyone. But he was buried like a criminal; he was put in a rich man's grave.**
- Jesus the Shepherd that was struck
- **Matthew 26:31 (NLT) — 31 On the way, Jesus told them, "Tonight all of you will desert me. For the Scriptures say, 'God will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'**
- **Zechariah 13:7 (NLT) — 7 "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, the man who is my partner," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. "Strike down the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn against the lambs.**
- Jesus had a servant's attitude.
- **Mark 10:45 (NLT) — 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."**
- **John 13:4–5 (NLT) — 4 So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, 5 and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.**
- Jesus modeled His humility.

- **Matthew 11:29–30 (NLT) — 29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”**
- **1 Peter 2:21 (NLT) — 21 For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.**
- Jesus had a humble birth.
- **Luke 2:7 (NLT) — 7 She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.**
- Jesus modeled His humility through the obedience to His parents.
- **Luke 2:51 (NLT) — 51 Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart.**
- He chose to subject Himself to all the harshness of the world.
- **Matthew 26:66–67 (NLT) — 66 What is your verdict?” “Guilty!” they shouted. “He deserves to die!” 67 Then they began to spit in Jesus’ face and beat him with their fists. And some slapped him,**
- **1 Peter 2:23 (NLT) — 23 He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly.**  
Obedience to His Heavenly Father.
- **John 8:29 (NLT) — 29 And the one who sent me is with me—he has not deserted me. For I always do what pleases him.”**
- **John 15:10 (NLT) — 10 When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.**
- Today we celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus or Palm Sunday.
- **Zechariah 9:9 (NLT) — 9 Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey— riding on a donkey’s colt.**
- Jesus came in to Jerusalem riding that colt.
- He came with people shouting praises!
- **Luke 19:38 “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”**
- **“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**
- People were laying down palm branches and their cloaks.
- As they were shouting His praises. Honoring Him as they would a king.
- It concerned the Pharisees so much that they asked Jesus to tell them to stop praising Him.

- His reply was that even if they stop the rocks would cry out!
- If Jesus had a humble heart, then why did He enter into Jerusalem as a king?
- First He was fulfilling the prophesy that I read in Zechariah.
- This was the leg of His final journey to the cross.
- Jesus was humble in His obedience to His father's plan.
- This plan was laid out before time began.
- Having the humility of Jesus in this world can be difficult.
- In this world we see that we need to brag about ourselves to get ahead in the business world.
- To survive we must look out for number one.
- The teachings of this world go against the example of Jesus.
- Look how He treated people.
- **Children:**
- **Matthew 19:13–15 (NLT) — 13 One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could lay his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. 14 But Jesus said, “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.” 15 And he placed his hands on their heads and blessed them before he left.**
- **Beggars:**
- **Matthew 20:29–34 (NLT) — 29 As Jesus and the disciples left the town of Jericho, a large crowd followed behind. 30 Two blind men were sitting beside the road. When they heard that Jesus was coming that way, they began shouting, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” 31 “Be quiet!” the crowd yelled at them. But they only shouted louder, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” 32 When Jesus heard them, he stopped and called, “What do you want me to do for you?” 33 “Lord,” they said, “we want to see!” 34 Jesus felt sorry for them and touched their eyes. Instantly they could see! Then they followed him.**
- **Leprosy sufferers;**
- **Mark 1:40–42 (NLT) — 40 A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. “If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean,” he said. 41 Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” 42 Instantly the leprosy disappeared, and the man was healed.**
- **a Samaritan woman**
- **John 4:5–9 (NLT) — 5 Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob’s well was there; and Jesus, tired from**

the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. 7 Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." 8 He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. 9 The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

- We need to follow the example of Jesus.
- Are we willing to lay ourselves aside to be obedient to Jesus?
- Our praise should never be with our mouths only but with our lives!