Jesus CAME at a HIGH COST ~ Hebrews 1:1-3

Scripture Reading - Hebrews 1.1-3, Philippians 2:5-7

INTRODUCTION

Genesis 3:8 (ESV) And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God...

Genesis 3:23 (NLT) So the LORD God BANISHED them from the Garden of Eden...

John 1:14 (NIV) The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

JESUS CAME ~ Hebrews 1:1-3

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Contrast in HOW God SPOKE in...

- the past SPORADICALLY and PARTIALLY
- these last days FINALLY and FULLY

Colossians 1:16 (NIV) ...ALL things were created BY Him and FOR Him.

John 1:3 (NIV) Through Him ALL things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.

[3] The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Colossians 1:15 (NIV) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation

Colossians 1:17 (NIV) He is before all things, and in HIM all things hold together.

IMPLICATIONS

→ Jesus Came to - COMMUNICATE Clearly with us

Romans 3:10-11 (ESV) None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God.

John 1:14, 17-18 (NIV) The <u>Word became flesh</u> and <u>made his dwelling among us</u>. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

...[17] For the law was given through Moses; GRACE and TRUTH came through Jesus Christ. [18] No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is <u>at the Father's side</u>, <u>has made Him known</u>.

→ Jesus Came to - to provide FORGIVENESS for OUR sins

John 1:35-36 (NIV) The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. [36] When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

Isaiah 53:5-7 (NIV) But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed.

...[7] He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a LAMB to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He did not open his mouth.

The HIGH COST of His COMING ~ Hebrews 1:1-3

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IMPLICATIONS

→ Jesus took ON ALL our Human Limitations and Frailties

- **2 Corinthians 8:9** (HCS) For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though He was RICH, for your sake He became POOR, so that by His poverty you might become rich.
- **1 Peter 1:18-19** (NLT) For you know that God paid a RANSOM to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom He paid was not MERE gold or silver. [19] It was the PRECIOUS BLOOD of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.

→ Jesus Became a Humble and OBEDIENT Slave

Philippians 2:6-8 (NIV) Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, [7] but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. [8] And being found in appearance as a man, He HUMBLED Himself and became OBEDIENT to DEATH - even death on a cross!

Paul not saying that Christ became LESS than God or "gave up" some divine attributes. Instead he stressing that Christ, who had ALL the PRIVILEGES that were rightly His as King of the universe, gave them up to become an ORDINARY Jewish baby bound for the CROSS. ESVN

TAKE AWAY??

Philippians 2:5 (NIV) Your attitude should be the SAME as that of Christ Jesus...

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