

# JESUS FIRST

## Jesus Christ: Servant King

**Philippians 2:1-16a (NIV)** Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup>then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup>not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. <sup>5</sup>In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup>And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. <sup>14</sup>Do everything without grumbling or arguing, <sup>15</sup>so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky <sup>16</sup>as you hold firmly to the word of life.

### HOW WE SHOULD LIVE

1. In **UNITY** (v.1-2)
2. With **HUMILITY** (v. 3) – Isaiah 66:2, James 4:6
3. With **CONSIDERATION** (v. 3b-4) – Mark 10:42-44
4. Becoming **MORE LIKE JESUS** (v.12b-13)
  - o Jesus’ **WORK** – Ephesians 2:8-9
  - o A Continuing **PROCESS** – Philippians 1:6, 1 Corinthians 15:1-2, Romans 8:29
5. Without **COMPLAINING** (v. 14-15a)

**The Result:** **SHINE** Like **STARS** (v. 15b) – Matthew 5:14-16

### WHO JESUS IS

1. He is **GOD** (v.6) - John 8:58
2. He is a **HUMBLE SERVANT** (v.7a) – Hebrews 7:25
3. He became **A MAN** (v.7b-8a)
4. He is **OBEDIENT** (v.8b) – Matthew 26:39, 42

**The Result:** God **EXALTED** Him! (v. 9-11)

- a. The Highest **PLACE** (v.9a) – Hebrews 12:2
- b. The Highest **NAME** (v.9b)
- c. The Highest **HONOR** (v.10-11a)
- d. The Highest **PURPOSE** (v.11b) – John 17:1

### THE RESPONSE

1. We Can’t Do It **ALONE**
  - o We Need **JESUS**
  - o We Need **OTHERS**
2. See Ourselves **AS GOD SEES US** – Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8
3. **BOW** Your **KNEE** and **CONFESS** – Romans 10:9-10

### BIBLE READING PLAN

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Isaiah 50    | <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Isaiah 54 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Isaiah 53 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Isaiah 57   |

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