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Scripture: Philippians 2: 1-11

Sermon Title: A Humble King

Prayer...

Introduction:

Reflection on our visit to Europe and the experienced of Royalty. Next week we will begin Advent and we will remember the birth of Jesus the Messiah, the Anointed One, who was also know as Christ the King.

Jesus Is A Humble King

Paul's image of Jesus to the Philippians.

Notice that Paul invites the church in Phillipi to have the same mind as Christ.

Do nothing out of selfish ambition, but in humility regard others as better than yourself. Look to others interest more than your own.

Jesus though in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to exploit. He emptied himself and became a servant of others.

He humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross- criminal's death, cruelest death imaginable.

God highly exalted him, so we are called along with all others to kneel before the Lord Jesus and confess Jesus Christ as Lord to the Glory of God.

Let us reflect more on how Jesus is a humble king.

- Born to a relatively poor working-class family.
- Member of an oppressed group of people in occupied land.
- He has a humble personality.
- He is a person of peace. The Prince of Peace.

## Prince of Peace

- Jesus chose nonviolence.
- He is the image of a nonviolent God.
- Many in the early church also chose nonviolence and faced persecution from the Roman Empire for worshipping Jesus rather than bowing to the Roman emperor.

I wonder on this Christ the King Sunday, whether our call is to humble ourselves before the Lord Jesus, our humble and nonviolent King.

Rather than put our hope in the powers of this world, as followers of Jesus we are to put our hope in the Sovereign Christ who reigns above all other powers.

As we prepare for Advent Season, we are reminded that the Messiah that came to earth, Immanuel- God with Us, is a different kind of King, a

humble King who calls us to love our neighbor and work peace when others will recommend violence.

### **Chief Joseph- Nez Pearce Tribe – 1860-1904**

Born originally in Oregon, but had to flee across the Rocky Mountains due to white settlers pushing his people off of their land.

"If white people want to live in peace with the Indian, he can live in peace....Treat all people alike. Give them all the same law. Give them all an even chance to live and grow. All people were made by the same Great Spirit Chief. They are all brothers and sisters. The Earth is the mother of all people, and all people should have equal

rights upon it....Let me be a free man,  
free to travel, free to stop, free to work,  
free to trade....free to choose my own  
teachers, free to follow the religion of my  
fathers, free to think and talk and act for  
myself, and I will obey every law, or  
submit to the penalty."

Chief Joseph was known as a Peacemaker by his people and others who  
grew to respect his leadership.

Chief Joseph at one point developed a good relationship with a  
Presbyterian Missionary named Henry Spaulding, but Chief Joseph  
found that missionaries ultimately were unable to prevent the removal  
of Native people from their lands, so there was sadness and anger that  
people did not follow the example of Jesus but instead chose violence.

We are still needing to learn from the wisdom of Chief Joseph and Jesus. We need to learn to love our neighbors as ourselves and work for peace.

On this Christ the King Sunday, let us center our faith in Jesus Christ, a Humble King, the Prince of Peace,

AMEN and AMEN.

## Philippians 2: 1-11

2 If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, 2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was[a] in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

8 he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God exalted him even more highly

and gave him the name

that is above every other name,

10 so that at the name given to Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.