

LOOK AGAIN

“A New Perspective on Easter” (Part 1)

Philippians 2:5-11

Introduction: The story that surrounds Easter is one of the most recognized dramas of all time; yet there are many different observations of the story that many do not consider. Including observations concerning the cross that can give us a new perspective on the celebration of Easter.

The Equality of Jesus

- He is Deity as God (*2:5-6a*)
- He is Equal with God (*2:6b*)

The Emptying of Jesus

- He Became a Man (*2:7a*)

*“In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.*

*And the Word became flesh
and dwelt among us,*

*and we beheld His glory,
the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,
full of grace and truth.” (John 1:1, 14)*

- He Served Man (*2:7b*)
- He Identified with Man (*2:7c-8a*)
- He Died for Man
 - The Humility (*2:8b*)
 - The Obedience (*2:8c*)

- o The Cross (2:8d)

The Exaltation of Jesus

- The Exalter—God (2:9a)
- The Authority—Name (2:9b)

*“Nor is there salvation in any other,
for there is
no other name under heaven
given among men
by which we must be saved.”* (Acts 4:12)

- The Acknowledgement—Bow & Confess (2:10-11a)
- The Purpose—God's Glory (2:11b)

The Example of Jesus (2:5)

Application: Maybe this different and possibly for you, this new perspective on the Easter story, has shown you the humility Jesus encountered for your salvation.

What is keeping you from identifying with Jesus through His humility and His obedience?

The salvation Jesus offers comes by way of the humility and obedience He modeled on the cross.