

**Down, down, down (Philippians 2:5-8)**

**Introduction**

- What does our passage show Jesus doing?
- What did Paul call the Philippians to in v1-4?
- What is he doing in v5-8?

**The Staircase**

- Step One of the staircase shows what about Jesus' identity?
- How did Jesus not use his deity?
- How did he use it?
- Step Two teaches us what about Jesus?
- Did he empty himself of deity?
- What nature did he take?
- Where does Jesus say this about himself?
- What does this show about Jesus?
- What does Paul mean when he says that Jesus was made in human "likeness"?

- What does this teach about Jesus?
- How does this show his humility?
- Step Three shows us that Jesus was obedient to what/whom?
- Note two verses where Jesus expresses this himself.
- How far did Jesus' obedience stretch?
- What would have been so shocking to a Roman about Step Four?
- And what would have been so shocking to a Jew?
- Which Old Testament passage speaks about this?
- What does Galatians 3:13 teach?
- Why, then, is the cross so appalling?

### Conclusion

- What three lessons does all this teach us?
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  - ii)
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