

Series: Divine Presence
Passage: Philippians 2:5-11
Title: Jesus the Man

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Discussion Starter – What do you think it would have been like growing up with Jesus? Why do you think the bible has so little to say about His youth?

Jesus Grows in Wisdom and Favor of God (Philippians 2:5-7)

- What was Jesus trying to show us by how He came into the world, and how He lived his life as a child and young adult?
- What was unique about Jesus appearance? Read Isaiah 53:2. Discuss what insights these verse give on what the Messiah Jesus would face and look like in appearance. What was so important about His appearance? How do we value appearance?
- Even though not much is written about Jesus' youth, how can we be encouraged by the few things that are written? Read Luke 2:40, 51-52. What do you find encouraging about these verses and how do they speak to you where you are at today in your life?
- How was Jesus able to experience life as a man and still be God at the same time? Why was it so important that he was fully man and fully God? How did He do it? Read Hebrews 10:11-14. Discuss what these verses tell us about Jesus fulfilling God's plan for man?

Jesus Starts His Radical Ministry (Philippians 2:8-11)

- Read Matthew 21:12-13. Discuss what we learn about Jesus in these verses and the spiritual significance and radical nature of what Jesus did at the temple?
- Read Mark 4:38. What was Jesus trying to teach His disciples here in this verse? How does this verse apply to us?
- Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead after four days. Why is the mentioning of the fourth day so important? Read John 11:38-39. Martha warns Jesus not to go into the tomb because of the stench. What spiritual significance does this story have and how does it apply to us as Christians today?
- Jesus was a disciple maker. What is the difference between a teacher and a disciple maker? What are some of the practical things that happen in discipleship? Who are you discipling now and who is discipling you?
- What example did Jesus give to His disciples on what it takes to live a radical life embracing the call of God on their lives?
- What are some of the good and bad things that can get in the way of God's call on our lives? How can we identify them and what should we do once we realize they are getting in the way?