

# THE STAGES OF CHRIST'S PATH

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"Who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." {Philippians 2:6-11}

**From heaven to Bethlehem.** God's Son left His glory and place in heaven to come to this earth. He gave all that up to come to earth to do His Father's will. Who has ever given up more in order to benefit the lives of so many? "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." {Luke 19:10}

**From the manger to the cross.** He was born in a manger because there was no room in the inn, Luke 2:7. He lived a faithful life before God and men, Luke 2:51, 52. He taught the world about His Father and the coming of His kingdom. He then fulfilled the ultimate purpose for His coming, to be the sacrifice for sins, Hebrews 2:9. Christ lived on the earth for 33 years knowing His journey would end at Calvary!

**From the grave to the throne.** On the third day following His death He arose from the dead, Matthew 28:1-6. He overcame the grave and Hades, Revelation 1:18. He then ascended back to the Father in heaven to be seated at His right hand, Acts 2:29-34. He is now ruling in heaven as head of His spiritual kingdom, the church, Ephesians 1:22, 23.

Let me be clear about this – the paths were not easy but all of them necessary for the eternal plan of redemption, that God designed before the world was created, to be fulfilled. Yes, the life of Christ took three distinct paths that ended with salvation being offered to mankind. Sinners were given the remedy to a problem we had no remedy for in ourselves. Amen! \*\*\*