

# THE INDESCRIBABLE MAN - PART 2

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## Scars in Heaven

*Philippians 2:5-11 | Participant Guide*

### Key Idea

Jesus descended to the lowest place, but God exalted Him to the highest place. The Lamb who was slain now reigns - and His lordship calls us to surrender.

### Key Scripture

*"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name..." - Philippians 2:9-11 (NIV)*

### Opening Conversation

1. What is one journey you have taken where the destination felt dramatically different from where you started?

### Read Together - Philippians 2:5-11

Notice the downward movement of verses 5-8 and the dramatic reversal beginning with the word "Therefore" in verse 9.

#### 1. Jesus' Ascent Is Indescribable

2. What stands out to you most about the contrast between verses 5-8 and verses 9-11?
3. Why do you think Paul connects Jesus' humility and obedience so closely with His exaltation?
4. Read Isaiah 45:21-23. What does Paul's use of this language in Philippians 2 reveal about who Jesus is?

#### 2. The Grand Narrative of the Cosmos

**Genesis > Fall > Incarnation > Cross > Ascension > The Lamb > Judgment > New Creation**

5. How does seeing the whole biblical story change the way you understand the cross and ascension of Jesus?
6. Where do you see evidence that our world is still living between Christ's victory and the final restoration of all things?
7. How should knowing where the story ends affect the way Christians live right now?

#### 3. The Man with the Scars Is on the Throne

Read Revelation 5:5-14. John sees the victorious Lamb, still bearing the marks of His sacrifice.

8. What does the image of the slain Lamb at the center of the throne reveal about the character of Jesus?
9. Why is Jesus uniquely worthy to take the scroll?
10. What do the scars of Jesus tell us about the kind of King who sits on the throne?

## **Personal Application - Who Is on the Throne?**

### **Jesus is on the throne in Heaven - but is He on the throne in your life?**

- 11.** What area of your life is easiest for you to surrender to Jesus?
- 12.** What area are you most tempted to keep control of - relationships, plans, finances, habits, future, reputation, or something else?
- 13.** What would it look like this week to acknowledge Jesus as Lord in that specific area?

## **Prepare for Next Week**

### **Read Ahead**

Philippians 2:12-30

As you read, consider: What does it look like for the life and mindset of Jesus we have been studying to actually be lived out in us?

Mark one verse, phrase, or question you want to bring back to the group next week.