

Title: "Jesus, God With Us"
Text: Philippians 2:5-11
Date: December 25, 2022

Find the sermon manuscript to follow along with online at mercyhillchurch.org.



Big Idea

On Christmas Day, we are humbled and in awe of the incarnation of Jesus - because in His incarnation we see the mystery and majesty of God's love for us through Jesus' humility, humanity and divinity.

1. The D_____ of Jesus (v. 6a)

(cf. John 1:1, 10:30; Colossians 3:29)

2. The H_____ of Jesus (vv. 6b-7a)

(cf. Colossians 1:16-17; Matthew 20:28; John 17:1, 13:1-16)

3. The H_____ of Jesus (vv. 7b-8a)

(cf. John 4:6, 19:28, 11:35; Hebrews 4:15; Matthew 27:46, 50)

4. The C_____ of Jesus (v. 8b)

(cf. Isaiah 53:1-12; Matthew 20:28; Hebrews 2:17)

5. The M_____ of Jesus (vv. 9-11)

(cf. Isaiah 45:22-23; Revelation 7:9-12)



Reflection Questions

- What are your favorite holidays? What is it about those particular holidays that you appreciate and enjoy?
- When you consider Christmas, what words, thoughts and feelings come to mind? Why?
- When you think about Jesus, do you think of Him more as "divine" (i.e. God) or "human" (i.e. a person)? Why? In what ways have you neglected the other aspect of who Jesus is? How does knowing how Christians have wrestled through this mystery in the past help you to better understand and know Jesus?
- How does knowing that Jesus was fully human encourage and comfort you? How does knowing Jesus is fully God encourage and comfort you?
- Why is it important to keep the cross (i.e. Good Friday/Easter) in mind as celebrate Christmas?
- Have you -- and do you -- confess Jesus as Lord? If not, what's preventing you? What are some next steps you can take?
- As you consider the humility (and selflessness) of Jesus, what are some ways you can grow in humility (and selflessness) in your relationships and interactions with others?

SCAN TO FILL OUT A

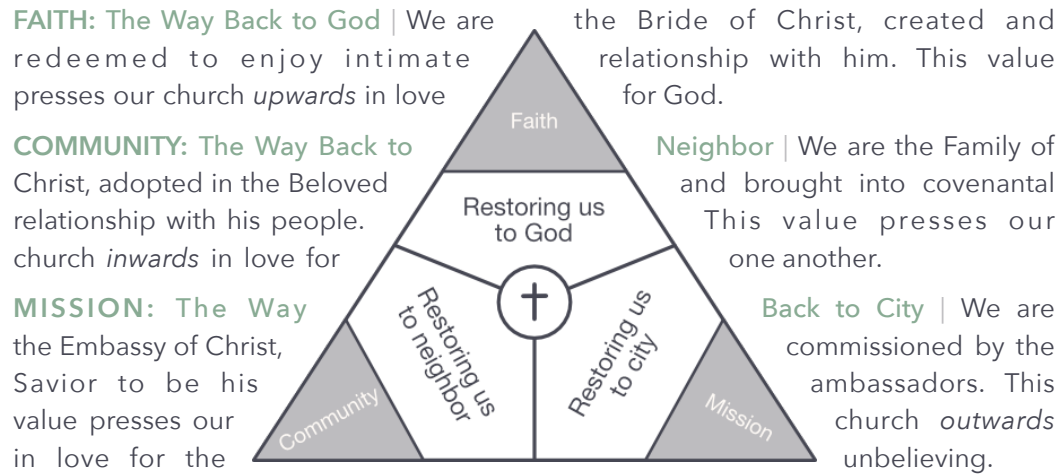


CONNECTION CARD

Give online at mercyhillchurch.org/give or text any amount to 84321 and follow the prompts.

Our Mission & Values

Mercy Hill Church exists to help restore us to God, neighbor, and city through the good news of Jesus Christ.



Your Next Steps

When approaching the Christian faith and life, it can be confusing to know where to even begin. Come find us at the Next Steps Table after the service—it would be our joy to help you along in the journey! And if you're a visitor, we have a special gift bag for you. Don't miss it!



Mail: PO Box 23806, San Jose, CA 95153
Phone: (408) 320-7080
Email: info@mercyhillchurch.org
Web: mercyhillchurch.org



Welcome to Mercy Hill Church.
We are so glad you've joined us today!

Announcement Spotlight

Merry Christmas!

We're so happy to have you with us on this special Sunday! We recognize that you may have somewhere you're headed after the service, but please do plan to stick around for some special Christmas treats. Many from our congregation have brought goodies to share. Plus we'll even have a hot chocolate bar for all to enjoy. Be sure to grab something before you go!

Week of Prayer - Kicking off Next Sunday!

The church is always called to be praying and seeking God together, but sometimes it is good to set aside special time to do so. That's what we are looking to do on the first week of the year—Sunday (1/1) thru Sunday (1/8). Here are just a few things to look forward to:

- We will have special sermons delivered on either end of this week (1/1 and 1/8) to help our community see the importance of prayer in the life of the church.
- On the first Sunday of this week (1/1), we invite you to consider fasting from lunch or dinner and would especially love it if you'd join us for our All Church Prayer meeting in the evening later that day where we'll have an extended time of prayer together.
- We will provide a Prayer Guide to give you ideas of what to pray for as well as space to record your prayers and things God is putting on your heart. The start of a new year naturally gets us reflecting on things—where we've been and where we hope to go. This guide has been designed to help you in this and offer a framework for your evaluation and planning.

We really hope you will dive into this with us. We're excited to see what our God will do!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at info@mercyhillchurch.org.

For clickable content and more announcements,



scan this code to head to our Communications Hub!

Or find it online at mercyhillchurch.org/communications-hub.