

The Best Present of all is Jesus

A meditation on what it cost Jesus to become a man

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Philippians 2:6

who, being in the form of God, did
not consider it robbery to be
equal with God,

John 1:1-4

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. **4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

1 Colossians 1:15-17

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. **16** For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. **17** And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

Philippians 2:7

but made Himself of no reputation,
taking the form of a bondservant,
and coming in the likeness of men.

Hebrews 10:5

Therefore, when He came into the world, He said:

“Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,

But a body You have prepared for Me.

Isaiah 53:2

For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.

Isaiah 53:3

He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Hebrews 12:3(a)

For consider him that endured
such contradiction of sinners
against himself,

Hebrews 12:3

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Revelation 2:10 The Crown of Life

Do not fear any of those things
which you are about to suffer... Be
faithful until death, and I will give you
the crown of life.

James 1:12 **The Crown of Life**

Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Revelation 2:7

The Tree of Life

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." '