







The Descent: Stage 1

**God the Son became a human being
without ceasing to be God!**

Philippians 2:6-8, NIV

Who, being very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing...being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man...

The Descent: Stage 2

**God the Son refused a lavish life of privilege,
choosing instead a humble life of serving.**

Philippians 2:6-7, NIV

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant...

Mark 10:45, NIV

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...

The Descent: Stage 3

**After accepting the lowest status
of human life, God the Son submitted
himself to the lowest manner of human death.**

Philippians 2:8, NIV

...he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!

The True Christmas Spirit All Year Around!

The way God came down models
for us the "mindset" that leads to an unselfish life.

Philippians 2:3-5, NIV

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value other above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus...

What A Turnaround!

God the Father lifted Jesus from
the deepest depth up to the highest height!

Philippians 2:9-11, NIV

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Way Up Is Down!

You can't out give God! He will lift you up,
according to how far you have lowered yourself!

Philippians 2:8-9, NIV

...he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place...

1 Peter 5:6, NIV

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.
