

# LENT

## Having the Mind of Christ

*Philippians 2*



What makes a great leader?



Alexander the Great 356 - 323BC

# The Empire of Alexander the Great

and his conquest course from Greece to India to Babylon (334-323 B.C.)





Caesar Augustus 63BCE - 14CE

Italy  
Provinces  
Vassal states



**Roman Empire**  
under Caesar Augustus

## **Philippians 2:5 - 11**

This is how you should think among yourselves - with the mind that you have because you belong to the Messiah, Jesus:



Who, though in God's form, did not  
Regard his equality with God  
As something he ought to exploit.

Instead, he emptied himself,  
And received the form of a slave,  
Being born in the likeness of humans.

And then, having human appearance,  
He humbled himself, and became  
Obedient even to death,  
Yes, even the death of the cross.



And so God has greatly exalted him,  
And to him in his favour has given  
The name which is over all names:

That now at the name of Jesus  
Every knee under heaven shall bow-  
On earth, too, and under the earth;

And every tongue shall confess  
That Jesus, Messiah, is Lord,  
To the glory of God, the father.





*“...how utterly counter-cultural, was Paul’s gospel message concerning Jesus of Nazareth, whose resurrection had declared him to be Israel’s Messiah and the world’s true Lord.”*

N.T. Wright (Paul for Everyone: the Prison Letters, p 101)



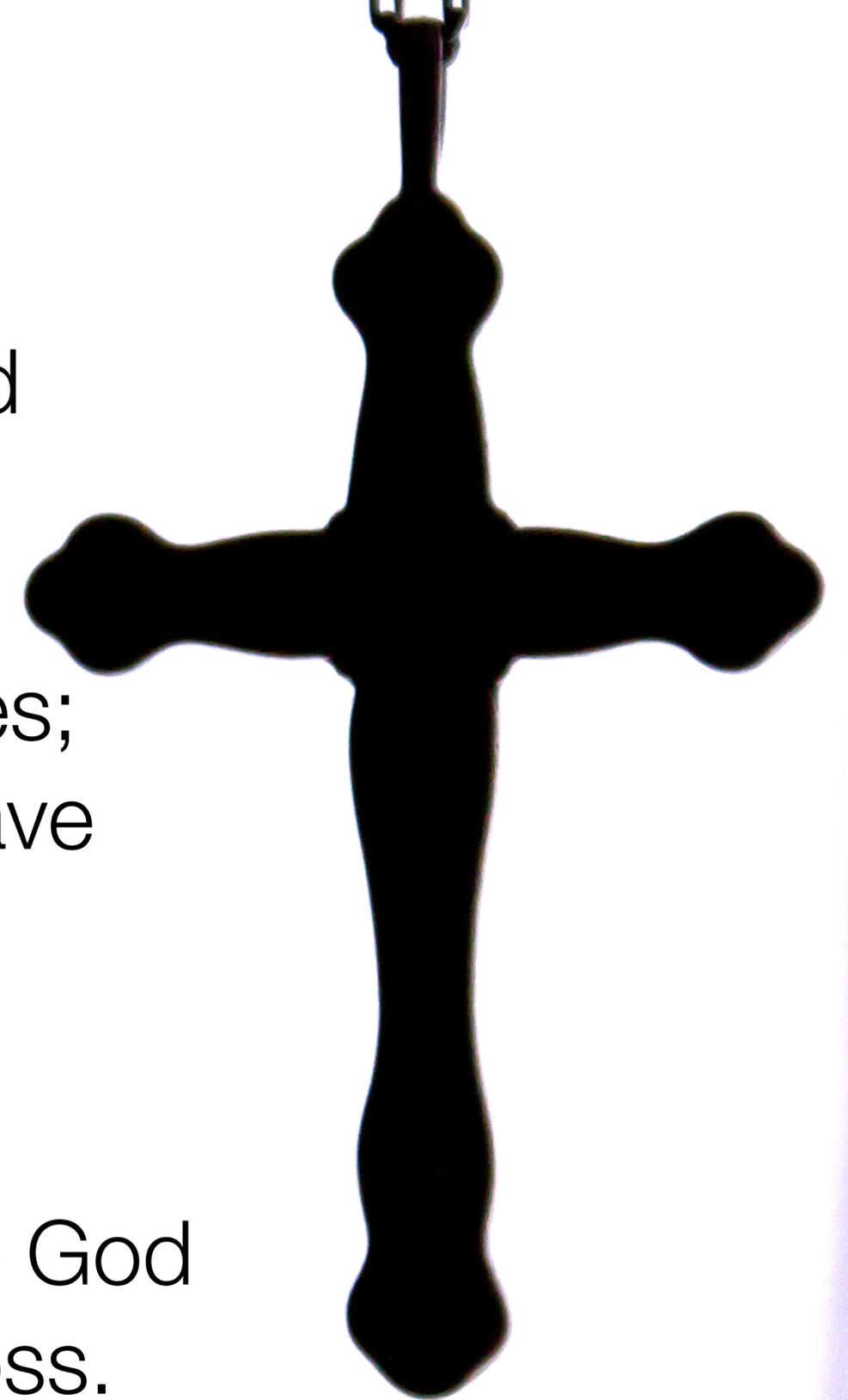
*“You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different... For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

Mark 10:42-45

Though he was God,  
he did not think of equality with God  
as something to cling to.

Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;  
he took the humble position of a slave  
and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form,  
he humbled himself in obedience to God  
and died a criminal's death on a cross.



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



## Lectio Divina:

1. Read
2. Reflect
3. Respond



