

## Jesus, Our Example of Sacrifice

Each of us has probably had either a role model that has influenced our life or a “hero” of some kind. It may have been a parent or another family member. Many preachers have been influenced by an older preacher. Some in sports, or any other field for that matter, have been influenced by a professional in that field. The influence may have been so profound that you attempted to emulate one or more characteristics comprising the model you respect.

Here, we want to examine Jesus as our “role model.” His teaching has changed the lives of many. His resurrection provides hope for who comprise the church today. This is especially the case as it relates to providing an example for sacrifice. Philippians 2:5-11 provides an attitude that deserves to be modeled by others. Jesus was declared, by Paul, to be equal with God, but also one who chose to “turn loose” of that equality. He came to this, took the form of man and sacrificed himself for the good of man. He considered the interests of others above whatever else he may have desired or feared. He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death. Why? ***He did so for the sake of others!*** He did so for you, me and all others who would lay hold of that which His death provided in the promise of eternal life.

That this was an action designed to be emulated is clearly established by Paul. He said, “Let this mind be in you...” We must be those who, based on the provided example, live our lives in consideration of others. Do we do so? If not, why not?

### Outline: Jesus: Our Example of Service

#### I. Background

- A. Chapter deals with unity
- B. The key is that of a proper attitude

#### II. The Mind of Christ

- A. Prior to His incarnation
- B. Yet, Christ did not consider it as robbery
- C. Considering the interests of others

#### III. Application

- A. The “Mind of Christ” would aid in unity.
- B. The “Mind of Christ” would aid in evangelism.
- C. The “Mind of Christ” would resolve petty differences.

PM. Sermon: Job

