**Rumination 933 - Dec. 11**

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The **T**heme: **The Man** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com/)

The **T**ext: *Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe.*

 *And Pilate saith unto them,* ***Behold the man****!* Jn. 19:5

The **T**hots:

1. **Behold the man! Jn. 19:5**
2. To the Triune God, Adam was the man who became like God. Ct. Gen 3:22a

***Behold, the man*** *is become as one of Us, to know good and evil:*

 For his safety, he was driven out of the Garden of Eden…

 *lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever.* Gen 3:22b, 23

1. To Pilate, Jesus was a Man and no god – a*nd Pilate saith unto them,* ***Behold the man****!* Jn. 19:5, 6
2. But Jesus was God Who became Man:
	1. *God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself.* II Cor. 5:19
	2. He was God Who became Man. Phil. 2:6-8

 *Who, being in the form of God… was made in the likeness of men:*

*And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death.*

* 1. He was the Branch who was Man – ***Behold******the Man*** *whose name is The BRANCH* Zech. 6:12

**But more – the Lord is…**

1. **a man of war –** *The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is His name.* **Exo. 15:3**

The Lord became a Man and He is at War with…

1. His Enemy who is the **S**eed of the **S**erpent. Gen. 3:15

 *I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed;*

1. His Enemy who is **S**atan, the **D**evil – *The enemy that sowed them is the devil...* Mt. 13:39
2. His Enemy who is the **S**inful World. Jas. 4:4

*Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God*

*whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*

1. His Enemy who is **S**elf – *The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh*: Gal. 5:17
2. His last Enemy who is **D**eath – *The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.* I Cor. 15:26

 And He will **S**ecure Victory over all:

* 1. *O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*

 *I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord.* Rom. 7:24, 25

* 1. *Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? ...*

 *But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.* I Cor. 15:54-57

1. **A Man of Sorrows –** *He is…a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.* **Isa. 53:3**

To **W**in the above **W**ar, He became Man and was the *Man of sorrows* bearing the penalty for Man.

1. Man was the **C**ause of all the Sorrows. Cf. Gen. 3:16, 17

*Unto the woman He said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception;*

 *in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children;*

*Unto Adam He said... cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life*

1. Jesus **C**ame to be the Man bearing Man’s Sorrows.
2. *He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:* Isa. 53:3
3. *Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me.*  Lam. 1:12
4. *Then saith He unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death.* Matt. 26:38
5. Jesus is now **C**rowned with Glory having suffered Man’s penalty of death. Heb. 2:9

*We see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death,*

 *crowned with glory and honour; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.*

1. **The Man of Glory Mt. 25:31**
	1. Jesus is now **C**rowned in Glory and Honour. Heb. 2:9
	2. Soon He shall **C**ome with Great Glory. Mt. 24:30

 *They shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

* 1. Then shall He **C**ontinue on the throne of His glory. Mt. 25:31

 *When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him,*

 *then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory:*

Jesus was our Man of Sorrows, and acquainted with **G**rief on earth;

But now He is our Man in Heaven, crowned with **G**lory on His throne.

As we Remember Him thus, let us …

*Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne:*

*Hark! How the heav’nly anthem drowns All music but its own!*

*Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,*

 *And hail Him as thy matchless King Thru all eternity.* Matthew Bridges

**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 933**

1. Jesus was Man like no other Men – He is God Who became Man!

**Philippians 2:5-8 (HCSB)**
*5 Christ Jesus 6Who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God*

*as something to be used for His own advantage.
7 Instead He emptied Himself by assuming the form of a slave,*

 *taking on the likeness of men.*

*And when He had come as a man in His external form,
8 He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death*

*— even to death on a cross.*

 Other men, seek to be god, when they are mere men.

 They cannot be god!

 *For all* [men] *have sinned, and come short of the glory of God* (Rom. 3:23)

Because *by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin;*

 *and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:* (Rom. 5:12)

 and *the wages of sin is death;* (Rom. 6:23)

 And *it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment* (Heb. 9:27)

Thus, *as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of One shall many be made righteous.* [Rom. 5:19]

And this One was none other than Jesus, *Who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death…* [Heb. 2:9] because He was the only Man Who was without sin [Heb. 4:15] qualified to take the place of man.

*For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,
who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.* [I Tim. 2:5, 6]

Hence, Jesus said…"*I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”* [John 14:6, NKJV].

Do you believe in Jesus, Who is God come in the flesh to save Man like you? **REFLECT**

1. Job and David were so awe-struck with this amazing creative act of God that they asked:

*What is man, that Thou shouldest magnify him? and that Thou shouldest set Thine heart upon him?* (Job 7:17) and

*What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him?* (Psa. 8:4)

Man is so infinitesimal minute compared to the vast universe, yet God in creating both in such amazing proportions still apportioned His infinite love and attention on Man to come up with the plan of redemption to save him from his sin.

Just contrast the size of man with that of the universe that God created as articled below in: <https://www.vedantu.com/question-answer/small-is-a-human-compared-to-the-universe-class-12-physics-cbse-5feb1dbe07b31068314fac83>

*A system of different planets and a star make up the solar system. Different solar systems together make up a galaxy and collection of galaxies make up the universe.
The galaxy in which our solar system exists is known as the Milky Way. In our galaxy alone there are about 100-500 billion solar systems. In the whole universe about two million million galaxies are observable then the number of unobservable galaxies or the total number of galaxies is exceptional. This gives us an idea of how large our universe is and it is still expanding every second.
The size of an average human is 176.5 cm or 1.76 m while the diameter of the solar system alone is 287.46×1011m287.46×1011m.
287.46×1011m1.76=163.33×1011287.46×1011m1.76=163.33×1011****Therefore, the solar system is about****163.33×1011163.33×1011****times greater than a human then the universe must be infinite times greater than a human.***

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!(I Jn. 3:1, NKJV) **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder?** *God created the* ***U****niverse, but God loves-****U****!*