



## JESUS! GOD'S FAITHFUL SERVANT

Jesus took upon him the form of a servant (Philippians 2:7), the Servant of God. Through the amazing form of humility, he who is the Son of God, of the same nature with God, and equal to him - voluntarily became the Servant of him. For he was chosen of God, in his eternal purposes, to be his Servant; and therefore is called, his Servant elect (Isaiah 42:1).

He was prophesied to be the Servant of the Lord (Zechariah 3:8; Isaiah 42:1). In the fullness of time he was sent and came not to be ministered to as a monarch, but to minister as a servant under the law. His infancy in Egypt, where the Israelites were enslaved, was an emblem of that servile state he was to come into. This is why he declared in the Gospel of Luke "That I must be about His Father's business (2:49).

As a servant, he had much laborious work to do. He went about working miracles, which were works of miracles given to him by his Father that would demonstrate and would validate his Deity; Jesus went about from place to place to heal all manners of diseases and doing good to the bodies of men; He preached the Gospel of the Kingdom of God for which he was qualified and sent. He did good to the souls of men by fulfilling the law of God in the stead of his people.

Jesus greatest service was accomplished in the areas of the redemption and salvation of men; for this was the work assigned to him by God his Father "to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel." This was the work which was before him when he came and this is the work he has finished, for he has obtained eternal redemption and has become the author of eternal salvation.

Now, throughout the whole of his work as a servant, he appeared very diligent and constant. Very early he discovered an eager inclination to be about it, and he was continually, constantly employed in it (John 4:34; 9:4). Jesus did not stop working till he had completed those things given to him by his Father. In all, he was faithful to God who appointed him, which is why he justly obtained the character of God's "righteous Servant" (Isaiah 11:5; 53:11). All that Jesus did and completed was done at the request his Father; that the Father would be pleased.