

## **The Divine Journey of Jesus Christ**

Christmas has always been associated with journeys. Right before the birth of Jesus, it says that Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world, and that meant movement.

### **Luke 2:1-5**

We know that that's what moved Joseph and Mary to go to Bethlehem, where the prophecy had said that the Christ was to be born.

### **Micah 5:2**

And of course, we know the story of the Magi, who travelled from distant lands. Yet, I would say that of all these journeys, no journey is as important and of greater impact to all mankind as the journey travelled by Jesus Christ Himself.

Jesus Christ's journey was an infinite journey.

### **Let's read Philippians 2:5-11.**

Christ's amazing and divine journey.

#### **1. Before the Incarnation, Jesus Existed Eternally in Heavenly Glory**

Jesus considered Himself equal with God because Jesus was God. So, before the incarnation, Jesus existed eternally in heavenly glory, He was not created by God the Father.

God does not share His glory with any created being.

**Isaiah 42:8**

**1 Timothy 6:14-16**

**John 17:5**

About 700 years before Jesus Christ was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote about Him. Isaiah saw Jesus in His eternal glory.

**Isaiah 6:1**

**John 12:41**

The prophet Daniel also saw Jesus in a vision hundreds of years before He was born.

**Daniel 7:13-14**

#### **2. The Downward Journey: To Earth, to Servanthood, to the Cross**

Jesus said that the Father had sent Him.

**John 6:38-39**

**John 8:42**

From His glory in Heaven, Jesus made a choice to embark on a downward Journey from there. Jesus was obedient, He not only chose to come to earth but He also humbled Himself and became a servant. He served people.

**Matthew 8:2-3**  
**Matt. 8:5-7**  
**Matthew 14:14**

But Jesus's journey did not stop here. His obedience and His humbling went to an infinite level.

**Philippians 2:8**  
**Luke 22:42**

The prophet Isaiah wrote about this moment in time when he saw the suffering of Jesus on the cross, supernaturally, before it happened.

**Isaiah 52:14 (NLT)**

And then in the very next chapter, **53** Isaiah describes Jesus on the cross. What a hard journey that Jesus went on.

### **3. The Upward Glory: Resurrection, Ascension and Enthronement**

**Romans 1:3-4**  
**John 14:6**

Jesus is the only mediator between people and God.

After Jesus was resurrected, God glorified Jesus in His Ascension to Heaven.

**Acts 1:9**  
**Acts 1:10-11**  
**Hebrews 4:14**

Jesus was further exalted and glorified after His resurrection.

**Ephesians 1:20-22**  
**Revelation 5:9**

The journey that Jesus embarked on when He left His glory in Heaven, has not yet come to an end.

### **4. Jesus is coming back!**

**1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**  
**Matthew 24:30**

And there is still a remaining glory for Jesus.

**Philippians 2:9-11**

This will come to pass, in God's timing.

This Christmas remember the Divine Journey of Jesus Christ.