

## Episode 46

I saw this sign on an article describing some of the craziest signs that you would hardly believe even existed. There are many reasons to respond to the signs around us. Road signs keep us going in the right direction, warning signs stop us from going down the wrong path, caution signs get our attention even about falling cows, but one of the most important signs and ones we've become all too aware of lately, are signs of life.



In Luke 2:12 we are told that *“this will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”* What was this a sign of? Was it just a confirmation of the good news delivered by the angel to the shepherds?

If we look at the fact that Jesus did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, being born into a poor family in Bethlehem. This is a remarkable sign of the humility of Jesus, co-equal with God yet willing to be wrapped in cloths and then placed into a feeding trough.

There could even be other signs that the one who spent His first moments of life in a feeding trough would one day become the bread of life. Or that this same body that was wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger would be the one wrapped in linen lying in a tomb.

The humility of Jesus is portrayed in so many ways, but the greatest is the fact that He looked out for our interests above His own. He knew the immense suffering He would have to endure, but He did so willingly because His actions would be the cause of great joy for all people. He came not just to feed us but He came to die for us and take our place.

In Philippians 2 we have a direct encouragement to connect our lives to this sign of humility displayed by Jesus. Encouraging us today to consider others more significant than ourselves. This might be a radical challenge, but might also be a sign of some sacred cows falling. As we learn to let the great joy of Jesus help us overcome our selfishness.

His humility was a sign, His life was a sign, His death was a sign, but most importantly His resurrection was the sign that He was the Saviour, the Messiah, the Lord. That is the good news that will bring great joy for all people!

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