

Born in poverty.....exalted to the heavenly

Jesus Christ, born in poverty, in a stable, a carpenter's son. His parents gave turtledoves for sin offering in the temple because they couldn't afford the lamb or goat. The Son of God, humbling himself, coming to earth, ministering to the rich and famous? No, to the sinners, the sick, the broken, the unpopular, the rejected, the unclean and the outcast. Sounds a lot like us. Jesus Christ lived a sinless life, immediately going about his Father's business, knowing that he would become the redemption of man, the only acceptable sacrifice for sin.

He lived a life of lowliness:

Luke 9:58 Jesus Himself said;

"The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head"

At the right time, He was exalted to the throne, to the right hand of God.

Peter testifies to this in his gospel message on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2:32-36

"This Jesus, God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. Therefore, having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: The Lord said to my Lord, sit at My right hand, until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.

Therefore, let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

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He would live a short and humble life on earth, leaving us an example to follow, a people in poverty from the bondage of sin, freed us, and exalted us with Him.

1 Peter 2:9-10

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy"

James 4:10

"Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you"

Jesus, born in poverty, living with humility, exalted to the heavenly, our Redeemer, Savior, and King.

Father in Heaven, as we prepare our minds to partake of the communion today, we remember our savior, his birth, his life, his death, and resurrection. We are blessed to have the hope that comes only through the perfect sacrifice of Jesus. Please bless the fruit of the vine and the unleavened bread as we partake with thanksgiving for our redemption from sin.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.