

## Choices Jesus Made

For us as humans, we don't choose the place where we are born, the city where we are raised, the school where we receive our education, nor our socio-economical conditions.

We can't say the same about the incarnation of our Lord Jesus, for He is the creator of mankind and the Bishop of all their affairs. All the details of His incarnation and His life on earth were according to His choice and His plan, and in this we see wonder:

All the choices of our Lord Jesus were humble ones and reveal a truly humble heart:



- He chose a simple, poor, and unknown girl to be born of her.
- He chose a very small village to be born in.
- He chose a very humble place that is difficult for a human being to be born in, a manger, to be the place where he dawns on the whole world.
- He chose a city that doesn't have a good reputation to be raised in. as it was said about it: ***"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"*** (John 1:46)
- He chose a simple manual vocation to live off, and he was described as such ***"Is this not the carpenter?"*** (Mark 6:3)
- He chose simple people to be His disciples and didn't set conditions for them to be of any personal abilities or scientific qualifications, only love and faith.

How beautiful is the fraction prayer of liturgy which faithfully articulates this spectacular divine humility as it states:

***"For when You desired to save me, You did not send me an angel nor an arch angel nor a cherub nor a prophet. Rather You alone descended from Your Father's bosom to the womb of the Virgin. You emptied Yourself, taking the form of a servant and walking upon the earth as a man. And this is the wonder of Your humility. A manger carried You as a poor one, and the swaddling clothes enwrapped You, the arms carried You, and the knees of the Virgin magnified You. The mouth has kissed You, and the milk fed You, O You who provide for all creation out of Your bounty..."***

This great humility is what the Holy Bible invites us to be always adorned with..

***"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."*** (Matthew 11:29)

***"The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit."*** (Psalm 34:18)

***"Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble."*** (Romans 12:16)



**Dear Beloved...Our choices often reveal what kind of heart we have...**



Do we choose the honor place or least important place?

Do we choose to work in the spotlight, or the quite work in the shadow?

Do we choose extravagance and splendor or only choose what fulfils our practical needs?

Are our choices in harmony with the choices of Jesus, or is it deviating far from them?

In the feast of epiphany, as we are looking towards Christ who bows under the hand of John the Baptist in great humility, let's revise our choices and tune the

tones of our hearts with the humble waves emanating from the heart of Jesus.

Happy epiphany.

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