

Four Kenotic-Sounding Texts on the Incarnation

A. The Texts Themselves

John 6:38: “For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.”

John 17:5: “And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”

II Corinthians 8:9: “For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”

Philippians 2:7: “But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.”

B. Other Texts to Be Considered in Connection With Them

John 3:13: “And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.”

John 7:34, 36: “Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come ... What manner of saying is this that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come?”

John 14:10-11: “Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works’ sake.”

Hebrews 1:3: “Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

Romans 9:5: “Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.”

Romans 11:33: “O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!”

Colossians 2:9: “For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”