

## **How Far Did Jesus Go? Philippians 2:8 (NKJV)**

8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

In the movie the untouchables there is the scene where Jim Malone asks Elliot Ness, “What are you prepared to do?” What was Ness prepared to do to take down Al Capone.

John MacArthur uses this passage and the verses that come before to show eight steps Jesus took in Him humiliation.

We fail to understand how far Jesus was willing to go to save us from our sin.

Jesus the Son of the Holy God of heaven humbled Himself to be our Savior.

- I. He was willing to lay aside the glory He had in heaven.
  - A. Philippians 2:5–6 (NKJV)
    1. 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,
- II. He was willing to become a like the creature He had created.
  - A. Philippians 2:7 (NKJV)
    1. 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.
- III. He was willing to take a position of common poverty and shame.
  - A. A commoner.
  - B. A carpenter
  - C. From Nazareth
- IV. He was willing to be rejected by those He came to save.
  - A. John 1:9–11 (NKJV)
    1. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.
- V. He was willing to serve those who owed all service to Him.
  - A. John 10:11 (NKJV)
    1. 11 “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

- VI. He was willing to spend the night in Gethsemane pray for us.
- A. Luke 22:44 (NKJV)
1. 44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.
- VII. He was willing to be betrayed by one of His own.
- A. Luke 22:21 (NKJV)
1. 21 But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table.
- VIII. He was willing to be arrested and bound by the temple guards.
- A. John 15:13–14 (NKJV)
1. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.
- IX. He was willing to be mocked and shamed by the lowest of His creatures.
- A. John 10:15 (NKJV)
1. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.
- X. He was willing to be questioned by the religious rules.
- A. Daniel 4:35 (NKJV)
1. 35 All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, “What have You done?”
- XI. He was willing to be delivered over to the Romans.
- A. Romans 5:6–8 (NKJV)
1. 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- XII. He was willing to be scourged and further mocked and shamed.
- A. Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)
1. 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- XIII. He was willing to carry His cross to Calvary.

- A. Matthew 10:38 (NKJV)
    - 1. 38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.
  - B. Matthew 16:24 (NKJV)
    - 1. 24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.
- XIV. He was willing to be crucified, hung on a tree, a cross.
- A. John 10:18 (NKJV)
    - 1. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father.”
- XV. He was willing to bear our sins and pay our penalty as He suffered there.
- A. 1 Peter 2:24 (NKJV)
    - 1. 24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.
  - B. 1 Peter 3:18 (NKJV)
    - 1. 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,
  - C. Titus 2:14 (NKJV)
    - 1. 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

In the movie the Untouchables there are two scenes what Jim Malone asks that question of Elliot Ness. The second time toward the middle of the movie when Jim Malone is gunned down by one of Capone’s men. And as he lies dying he grabs Ness’s vest and says again, “What are you prepared to do?” just before he dies.

Jim Malone had gone as far as a man can go. He gave his life for the cause.

Jesus went all the way to the cross for you and for me.

The question now is what are we prepared to do for Jesus.