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Servant of God and Man

Servant of the Lord

- The phrase “servant of the Lord” occurs throughout the Bible and refers to people such as Moses, Joshua, David, and Israel (Deut 34:5; Judg 2:8; Ps 18:1; Isa 42:19; cf. 2 Kgs 9:7; Ps 113:1; Luke 1:38).
- God identifies with his servants when he calls them “my servant(s)” (Lev 25:55; Num 14:24; Josh 1:7; 1 Chron 17:4; Job 1:8; Isa 20:3; 22:20; Isa 42:1; 52:13; cf. Matt 12:18; Acts 3:13, 26; 4:25, 27, 30).
- Jesus is the Lord’s servant par excellence because he served the Father and humanity. How, then, did he show himself a servant?

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- The service and sacrifice of Christ were effectual because they came from compassion and humility (1 Cor 13:1–3; Luke 11:42).

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- “Make me a servant, just like Your Son, for He was a servant; please make me one” (PHSS 591). Do we really mean these words?



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