

What Kind of Power?

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Philippians 2:1-11

Our culture is obsessed with superhero movies. The plot is in many ways like real life: the world is falling apart and only a hero can save it. The villains are familiar too; we see them everywhere. In real life the villains' names are Injustice, Poverty, Racism, and Greed. Their destructive powers are known throughout human history.

If the narrative were a Hollywood movie, we'd expect our savior to be clothed in a skintight suit with bulging muscles. He would wield a mighty sword.

But that's not the Son of God.

The scene of the nativity is of a Savior clothed in swaddling clothes: humility, vulnerability, weakness.. His red cape was replaced by a bloodied robe. His sword replaced by a cross. His super-human strength replaced by weakness. His willing submission to the will of the Father became the means of our salvation.

Christ became a servant and in so doing the world was delivered once and for all.

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