

when any ordinary person looked at Him He was just an ordinary man. He emptied Himself of the appearance of deity, but He certainly did not cease being deity. He did not empty Himself of His divine power, knowledge, or any attributes of deity.

We could spend a long time looking at the theory of Kenosis and various evidences about it, but that would not leave time for our proper Old Testament study in this course, i.e. the evidence on the Pentateuch itself. Therefore, we just want to note here that this is one of the four attitudes that have been taken toward the question of the authority of Jesus Christ. And that this attitude was shared by many people seventy five years ago, many books have been written on it, and you will have a summary of it in the New Testament and Theology courses. Yes, He is God, He is the Creator of the universe, the all-powerful supreme Being, but when He was incarnate He emptied Himself, so He did not know any more about Moses than you or I know. Well, if He did not know any more about Moses than we know, how was He the great spiritual leader that people think that He was? They would have to admit He had some divine knowledge. "Well," they might say, "matters of criticism and science did not enter into His mission." But this is not a satisfactory escape; it is much more logical to take the first attitude that He was a mere man and knew nothing. Nevertheless, this attitude puts you outside of historic Christian orthodoxy.

3. There is a third attitude toward the authority of Christ taken by some today which we will call *Accommodation*. According to this view Jesus Christ was the Lord of glory. He knew all things, He was supreme, He was Savior, whose death would save all who believe on His name.

Jesus Christ did not come to teach science or criticism. He did not come