Message Mediation - Questions for reflection and application:

1. Jesus was wholly dedicated and obedient to His Father's work and will. How can it be argued that Jesus' submission was both easy and difficult?

2. What makes your submission to God's will both easy and difficult? What makes the difference? (Consider the message of Romans 12:1-2.)

3. Jesus' submission to His Father's perfect will put Him in a place of submitting to imperfect authorities (parents, civil and governing authorities). How is Jesus' example a source of encouragement and instruction?

4. When is the refusal to submit to a God-instituted authority justified? How is that accomplished without being merely rebellious?

5. How are the biblical examples of civil disobedience not contrary to the clear biblical instruction of submitting to even unjust and cruel authorities?