

## ***Immanuel – God With Us!***

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### ***Matthew 1:18-25***

***Immanuel – the name predicted by the prophet Isaiah 700 years before Jesus was born.***

*“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14*

➤ The name given to the Christ child means “God with us”!

➤ The name “Jesus” means “Jehovah is Salvation”!

*“She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”  
Matthew 1:21*

❖ Isn't God with everyone?

*Ephesians 2:11-13 “... remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, ... having no hope and without God in the world. ...”*

*Isaiah 59:2 “but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God ...”*

*John 3:3 “Jesus answered him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.’”*

*Isaiah 53:6 “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; ...”*

❖ Who is God with?

With: “On the side of, ...”<sup>1</sup>

*“fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10*

*Isaac ... but not Abimelech*

*Genesis 26:3 “Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you ...”*

*Moses ... but not Pharaoh or the Egyptians*

*Exodus 3:12 “He said, ‘But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.’”*

*David ... but not Goliath and the Philistines*

*1 Samuel 17:45-47 “... This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, ...”*

*Elisha ... but not the Assyrian army*

*2 Kings 6:16-17 “He said, ‘Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.’ Then Elisha prayed and said, ‘O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see.’ So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.’”*

*Asa ... but not the Ethiopians*

*2 Chronicles 15:2 “and he went out to meet Asa and said to him, ‘Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: The Lord is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you, but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.’”*

*His People ... but not the rest of the world*

*1 Peter 3:18 “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, ...”*

**Jesus came to make God known (John 1:18) and to bring us to God!**

- ❖ God has put within each individual a sense that there is a purpose and meaning beyond this life, but no ability to discern the truth!

*Ecclesiastes 3:11 “He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, He has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.”*

- ❖ Sin and Satan have blinded the eyes of the world!

- 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

- ❖ Jesus saw people harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd!

*Matthew 9:36 “When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”*

**Jesus came full of grace and truth!**

*John 1:14 “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

*John 8:31 “So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, ‘If you abide in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free’”.*

*John 3:36 “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”*

- Ephesians 2:1-10

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- Romans 8:31-39

Endnotes:

<sup>1</sup> Webster, Noah. *American Dictionary of the English Language (1828 Facsimile Edition)*. San Francisco: Foundation for American Christian Education, 1989.

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