

**God With Us**  
**Matthew 1:22-23**

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1. All through human history, men and women have yearned to have a personal relationship with God. Men and women have longed for God to break into human history in a personal way.

a. The prophets predicted that this would happen according to the words of Isaiah. **“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14).**

2. The setting of today’s message is what happened after the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, assuring him that the child in Mary was the result of the Holy Spirit. **(Matthew 1: 23)**

3. Let’s look at three practical points of how God is with us.

**I. God Is With Us At The Center Of Our Lives.**

A They will call him “God with us.” The name, Immanuel.

1. The name “Immanuel” is what we call a nutshell. It’s a word that sums up all that God wants to say about the coming of Jesus Christ into the world.

2. **Colossians 1: 15-20** is one of the most awesome passages in the Bible.

B Jesus is the central figure of all humanity.

1. The coming of Jesus into the world was so important that it split history into two parts.

C This Jesus Christ is worthy of your total, personal commitment!

1. The message of Jesus coming into our world is called good news. Immanuel, God with us, is the gospel.

2. We live in a world where good news is hard to come by.

**II. God Is With Us At The Margins Of Our Lives.**

A Everything about the entrance of Jesus into our world was intentional.

1. Jesus lived at the margins in his own world.

B Jesus came to preach good news to the poor.

C Do you feel your life is lived at the margins? Then take courage. Jesus came for those who live at the margins. **(Matthew 25:34-40)**

**III. God Is With Us At Our Deepest Point Of Need.**

A He knows about each of us, what we do not know about each other. What is your valley now?

1. For some, the holidays are some of the loneliest times of the year.

B I take tremendous encouragement from **Hebrews 4: 14-16**.

1. Let me assure you that what sustains you and me through difficult times is the fact that God is with us.

C We are to realize that Immanuel is there for whatever our needs may be.