

Names of Jesus: Immanuel - God With Us!
Matthew 1:22-23

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1. All through human history, men and women have yearned for a personal relationship with God. Seven hundred years before Jesus was born, Isaiah wrote, **“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 that of what happened after the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. What we recognize is the fact that the yearning of the Old Testament people, Israel, has been fulfilled in the coming of the Messiah. The God of all creation has come to redeem that creation.
3. Let’s look at three practical points of how God is with us.

I. It Means That God Is At The Center Of Our Lives.

- A. One of the most awesome passages in the entire Bible is **Colossians 1:15-20.**
- B. Jesus is the central figure of all humanity.
- C. This Jesus Christ is worthy of your total commitment.

II. It Means That God Is With Us At The Margins Of Our Lives.

- A. What do I mean by “Jesus is also at the margins?”
 1. **(Luke 4:18-19)**
- B. Our culture assumes that we have a right to happiness.
- C. Do you feel at the margins of life?
 1. Remember the teachings of Jesus in **Matthew 25.**

III. It Means That God Is With Us At The Deepest Needs Of Our Lives.

- A. God knows more about us than we know about ourselves.
- B. You can bring your needs to God who is with us.
 1. **(Hebrews 4:14-16)**
- C. God is willing to save us and meet our needs.