

What would you say if an angel came and said a virgin will conceive and give birth to the savior of the world? This may be old hat for us today, but this is a mind-boggling statement. Could it really be true? YES! Our savior is Immanuel. God with us!

Call to Worship

Pslam 145:1-3

Songs of Praise

Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)
How Great Is Your Love

Advent Reading

Mark and Ellen Holcomb

Announcements and Offering

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Confession of Faith

New City Catechism #22

Why must the Redeemer be truly human?

That in human nature he might on our behalf perfectly obey the whole law and suffer the punishment for human sin; and also that he might sympathize with our weakness.

Hebrews 2:17

New City Catechism #23

Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective; and also that he would be able to bear the righteous anger of God against sin and yet overcome death.

Acts 2:24

Song of Declaration

Sinking Deep

Sermon - Jesus is Immanuel

Sermon Scripture - Matthew 1:18-25

The Promise Of Immanuel

- What is the overarching theme of Matthew? How does this passage fit?
- What role does the Spirit play in this passage?
 - 1 Corinthians 2:12-14
- Where do we find similar promises to the one made here?
 - Genesis 3:15
 - Isaiah 7:14
 - Isaiah 9
 - Micah 5:1-2

The Meaning Of Immanuel

- What does Immanuel mean? Where is this referenced in the Old Testament?
 - Isaiah 7
 - o John 1:1-3
- What do we learn in Philippians 2:6-8? Why is this essential?
- How is Jesus different than us? How is he similar?
 - "...we have never fully tasted or sensed how sinful sin is because it is normal to us. Jesus,

by contrast, saw how abnormal, distorting, ugly, deeply rebellious it really is. Nor have we tasted weakness or need to the extent the strong and rich son of God did. Nor have we felt as sorrowful as the Lord Jesus, nor experienced shame the way he did- all in his perfectly holy humanity." - **Derek Thomas**

The Significance Of Immanuel

- Did the savior have to be Jesus?
- Why did Jesus have to be fully man?
 - Hebrews 2:14-17
- Why did Jesus have to be fully God?
 - Hebrews 10:4

Communion

Song of Response

A King Like This

Benediction

- 1. What is the significance of Jesus being Immanuel?
- 2. How do you think you would have responded if you were Joseph?
- 3. Read 1 Corinthians 2:12-14. How should this passage inform our evangelism efforts?
- 4. Do you find comfort in the fact that Jesus is fully God and fully man? Why or why not?
- 5. Why is it difficult for many people to accept that Jesus is the only way to heaven?
- 6. What is your favorite aspect of Christmas? Why?