

# O COME EMMANUEL

*The significance of Christmas is it's sign of God's presence.*

## THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE INCARNATION

**Matthew 1:20-23**

### GOD

Jesus is the second Person of the Trinity and has always existed.

### WITH

As Jesus was fully God, he was also full how.

### US

Jesus became "God with us" to show God to us.  
Jesus became "God with us" to show us to God.  
Jesus became "God with us" to represent us.  
Jesus became "God with us" to die for us.

## THE SIGN OF GOD'S PRESENCE

**Isaiah 7:14**

**Allow God to write (and rewrite) your story.**

**Don't miss God's presence this Christmas.**

## Discussion Guide

- What is your favorite Christmas carol and why? What is your *least* favorite and why?
- How much did you know about the Incarnation before this message? How has this message helped your understanding?
- How might it help Christian leaders to remember that they are first (and foremost) followers (of Christ)?
- Describe in your own words the significance of the incarnation.
- What part(s) of your story are you asking God to rewrite?
- What can we practically do this Christmas season to avoid missing God's presence?
- Skim **Matthew 1**. Is there any other place in this chapter that Matthew "re-fulfills" Old Testament prophecies? What is different about how Matthew uses the prophecy?
- **PRAY** For the theology of "Emmanuel" to become a reality for you this Christmas season.
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