The Miracle of Christmas
GOD With Us!
Matthew 1:22-23

The miracle of Christmas is that a virgin conceived and gave birth. I have been emphasizing that truth in my last two messages. You might ask, why is this so important, why place such an emphasis on the Immaculate Conception? Because the entire Word of God, ever promise from the Lord our God, His very Character and therefore our very salvation hangs on this miracle. Just as the death of Jesus Christ is meaningless without His Resurrection (1 Cor.15) so His birth is meaningless without the miracle of Christmas – The Immaculate Conception!

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

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I. IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
GOD WITH US! This is only possible if there is an Immaculate Conception. Otherwise Jesus is the son of Joseph and is like every other man born:

Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.   NKJV

He can only be the Son of God if God generated His conception:

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, "*The* Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

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II. JESUS SAVES!
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Matthew 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. **19** Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man,* and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. **20** But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a

dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. **21** And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."   NKJV

JESUS – the name is a transliteration of the Hebrew name Joshua meaning JEHOVAH SAVES!

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.   NKJV

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III. GOD WITH US!

Matthew 1:22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: **23** "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated,

"God with us."

NKJV

Matthew 1:24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, **25** and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. **And he called His name Jesus**.   NKJV

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JESUS came to us – HE made a way for us to come to HIM – HE is GOD WITH US!

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.   NKJV

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