'Emmanuel'

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Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see; Hail the Incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King." -Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" by Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Matt. 1:18-23 NKJV

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."

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."

1. Jesus is <u>God!</u> John 1:1,14 NKJV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:17,18 NKJV

For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

John 10:30 NKJV I and My Father are one.

John 14:9 NKJV He who has seen Me has seen the Father

Acts 20:28 NKJV

Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

John 14:6 NKJV

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

2. Jesus is God With Us!

Heb. 1:3 NKJV

who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Heb. 10:2 NKJV

For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins.

'God with us' comes to show us God's <u>love</u>, save us from <u>sin</u>, set up God's <u>Kingdom</u>, shut down <u>religion</u> and invite us to share in God's <u>life</u>.

3. Jesus is God For Us! John 3:17 NKJV

¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Jn 10:10

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Romans 8:31,32,39 NKJV

What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ...nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

4. Jesus is God <u>in</u> Us! Col 1:27 NKJV

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Col. 2:10 NKJV

and you are complete in Him,

John 4:14

"... but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

Application:

- 1. Because Jesus is God, take the limits off your life.
- 2. Because He went all out to be with you, what's stopping you from being with Him?
- 3. There are only three responses to Jesus.