

# God With Us



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A 5-WEEK SERMON SERIES  
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## ***God With Us, As Emmanuel***

**Luke 2:6-18**

Introduction:

*“Bloodstained royalty, a God with tears, a creator with a heart. God became earth’s mockery to save His children. How absurd to think that such nobility would go to such poverty to share such a treasure with such thankless souls. But He did. In fact, the only thing more absurd than the gift is our stubborn unwillingness to receive it.”*

**- Max Lucado**

### **I. There was the achievement of Christ with us. (V.6-7)**

A. The event was accomplished through a human servant.

**Luke 2:6** *And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.*

**Luke 1:38** *And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.*

**Luke 1:48** *For he hath regarded the low estate of his hand-maiden:*

B. The event was accomplished through a humble stable.

**Luke 2:7** *And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.*

### **Why Was It So Important for God to Be With Us**

- ◆ **Association:** He wanted us to have the connection of associating on a human level. The opportunity of seeing his breath on a cold morning, feel the healing in His touch, and the release of our sins forgiveness.
- ◆ **Identification:** He wanted us to identify with Him. He wanted us to feel the scratches of the hay in the manger, the callouses on His carpenter’s hands, the sarcasm in the Pharisees’ voice, and feel of humiliation as the spit was running down His face.
- ◆ **Recognition:** He wanted us to see Him forgiving an adulteress woman, praise a widow with a mite, forgive a short man up a tree, and hold a child in His arms.
- ◆ **Appreciation:** He wanted us to see Him washing feet, sleeping on rocks, eating with sinners, touching lepers, and dying on a cross, to appreciate the difference a life of service and sacrifice can make.

## II. There was the announcement of Christ with us. (V.8-14)

- A. It was an announcement concerning the admiration of Christ's birth.

**Luke 2:8** *And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. (V.9) And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. (V.10) And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. (V.11) For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

- B. It was an announcement concerning the appearance of Christ's birth.

**Luke 2:12** *And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.*

*"This was not a temporary "embodiment" for one specific task, but a permanent union of His divine nature with human nature, empowered by the Holy Spirit." - Warren Wiersbe*

## III. There was the affirmation of Christ with us. (V.16-18)

- A. The Shepherds affirmed His birth by a heavenly experience.

**Luke 2:13** *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, (V.14) Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

**Luke 2:16** *And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.*

*"How awesome to consider that the Creator of the universe, unbound in time and space for all eternity, chose to be bound; by a mother's womb, by planet Earth, by a manger bed, by an infant's body, crying helplessly for something to eat, by the body of an adolescent that grew in wisdom and stature and favor with God."  
- Jennifer Kennedy Dean*

**2 Peter 1:16** *For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.*

- B. The shepherds affirmed His birth by a humbling experience.

**Luke 2:17** *And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. (V.18) And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.*