

Christmas Eve: God With Us

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Matthew 1:18-21 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:22-23 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

I. Three Things To Remember This Christmas

1. *God Can Be Trusted*

Matthew 1:22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

A. Trust is the foundation upon which relationship is built.

- Where trust is strong, relationships can thrive.
- Christmas is a story of trust.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

B. Relationship with God is often lost because we trust in ourselves instead of in Him.

- When life isn't easy and there isn't evidence, God can still be trusted.
- Christmas is a reminder that God can be trusted.

2. *There Is No One Like Jesus*

Matthew 1:23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

- A. Jesus' birth was supernatural.
- B. Jesus' nature is divine.
- C. Jesus' is our Savior.
- D. There is no one like Jesus. But it took someone like Jesus to give us hope and life.

Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

John 14:6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

3. *Jesus Is God With Us*

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

- A. God desires more than to just be for you.
- B. God loves you more than to just be out to get you.
- C. God sent Jesus to be with you.

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