

—Sermon Notes for December 19, 2021 —

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Jesus is With Us & For Us

Matthew 1:18-25

INTRODUCTION

God came to earth as a *member* of a family in order to *make* us family. Jesus is Immanuel - "God with us" - which means He is *with* us today. Jesus died to save us from our sins - which means He is *for* us today.

JESUS' MOM, MARY (1:18)

TRUST your UNKNOWN future to a KNOWN God.

JESUS' (Adoptive) DAD, JOSEPH (1:19-20)

LOVE and LEAD the family God ENTRUSTS to you.

GOD IS WITH US & FOR US (1:21-23)

Who is Jesus? Jesus is IMMANUEL, which means "God is WITH us"!

What does Jesus do? Jesus SAVES, which means "God is FOR us"!

JESUS' FAMILY (1:24-25; Luke 2:52)

JESUS IS STILL WITH US & FOR US (Matthew 28:20)

CONCLUSION

Give Jesus the "gift" of your sins. Receive the gift of Jesus' salvation. Go tell your circle of influence about Jesus and the story of Christmas!

—Applying Today's Sermon to Your Life —

SCRIPTURE

Read Matthew 1:18-25. What comments or questions do you have about this text?

QUESTIONS

1. What are you doing right now to make this season always, only, all about Jesus?
2. Why do you think God chose to come to earth as a member of a family?
3. Like Mary, how are you preparing today for what God may have for you tomorrow?
4. Like Joseph, how are you loving and leading the family God has entrusted to you?
5. Who is Jesus? Jesus is _____, which means "God is _____ us." (1:23)
6. What does Jesus do? Jesus _____, which means "God is _____ us." (1:21)
7. Are you one of Jesus' people? Is God your Father? Is Jesus your Big Brother?
Is ACC your family? Has God saved you? Today can be the day of your salvation!
8. Are you giving your sin to Jesus and receiving Jesus' gift of salvation? Why or why not?
9. "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men" (Luke 2:52),
which means that Jesus matured mentally, physically, spiritually, and relationally.
How are you maturing and helping others (including ACC) mature in these ways?
10. How are you living in light of Jesus' promise, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20)?
Are you enduring in Jesus, worshiping Jesus, serving and giving to Jesus' church?
Explain...