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MATTHEW 1:21-23

NASB

“She will give birth to a Son; and you shall name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” Now all this took place so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled: “Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son, and they shall name Him Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.”

Immanuel means “God with us”

Transcendence:

***God is not bound by
His creation.***

Imminence:

***God is intimately involved
in His creation.***

Immanuel = Imminence

**Since sin's inception,
the world has been living
under the tyranny of evil**

**Since Jesus' inception,
the tyranny of evil is now living
under the threat of the Messiah**

**The first breath of baby
Jesus echoed as a roar
in the ears of evil.**

**“He is here” echoed
through the caverns
of hell.**

How is God with us?

**HE IMMANUEL'S
INTO OUR MESS.**

MATTHEW 9:35

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

MATTHEW 9:36

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

**Difference in the world,
because to be seen is
to be significant, is to
know our roots.**

PSALM 139:16

"Before I formed you I saw you. My eyes saw your unformed body."

GENESIS 16:13 BSB

Hagar gave this name to the Lord who spoke to her,
“You are the God who sees me,” for she said,
“I have now seen the One who sees me”.

El Roi:

The God Who Sees Me.

"You don't really understand human nature unless you know why a child on a merry-go-round will wave at his parents every time around—and why his parents will always wave back."

– William Tammeus

Harassed (Skullo):

To skin, flay and mangle.

Helpless (Rhipto):

To throw down, crush and oppress.

Lost:

Confused, lost and afraid.

MATTHEW 9:37

Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful...”

**HE IMMANUEL'S
THROUGH EACH
OTHER.**

EPHESIANS 1:22-23 MSG

He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything. At the center of all this, Christ rules the church. The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

(pleroo) Steak seasoning

"The greatest issue facing the world today, with all its heartbreaking needs, is whether those who are identified as Christians will become disciples students, apprentices, practitioners of Jesus Christ, steadily learning from him how to live the life of the Kingdom of the Heavens into every corner of human existence."

– Dallas Willard

MATTHEW 25:35-36

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

MATTHEW 25:37-39

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’”

MATTHEW 25:40

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

**When we minister to the margins,
we minister to our master.**

It's Jesus who is digging in the trash for food.

It's Jesus who is drinking unclean water.

**It's Jesus who is the stranger, the foreigner,
the refugee.**

It's Jesus who has just one pair of pants.

**It's Jesus standing on the street corner with
the offensive odor holding a cardboard sign.**

**It's Jesus who you're sitting there listening
to in the jail.**

