

Immanuel God With Us

Main Bible Verse:

- (Matthew 1:18-25) *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." 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"). When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son.*
- (Luke 2:1-14) *In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*

Summary:

Matthew 1:18-25 | Luke 2:1-14

- Christmas is a time for people to get together and celebrate the birth of Jesus.
- The meaning of Christmas is Immanuel God with us.
- Through the angels of the Lord, God spoke to people.
- Jesus wants to bring you great news and great joy.
- When Jesus died on the cross, all of our sins were forgiven
 - He also gave us the gift of eternal life
 - He said that he would not leave us as orphan
 - He will send us the Holy Spirit
- Isaiah prophesied the birth of Jesus (Immanuel, God with us) in the old testament.
- Immanuel is God's promise that he will be with us.
 - God always tells us not to be afraid.
 - Even in our hardships God will be with us.
- By faith, we must trust in God.

- God will always help us and give us power when we are in need.
- Salvation is not only being saved, but it is in our everyday life
 - God is our shepherd he will lead us and guide us.
- What is God is with us?
- The Lord told Moses that he would be with him.
 - This gave Moses the boldness to move on.
 - Moses received God's promise that he will be with him
 - Throughout Moses' journey, God's miracles followed him
 - God's presence was always with the people of Israel
 - The miracles of the ten plagues in Egypt, the parting of the Red Sea, the water coming from the rock, and the guidance of the pillar of fire and Cloud are the promises and signs that God will always be with us.
- When we worship in spirit and in truth, we will receive the healing of our spirit, soul and body.
- God was with Joshua. Joshua was a man with the Holy Spirit
- In the lion's den, God kept Daniel safe and unharmed.
- Paul and Silas were in prison and worshiped
 - God was with them, and they were able to leave
- Our God will give us what we want.
- The presence of God is not limited to any one place. It follows you everywhere you go.
- God is Omnipotent and the Almighty God. He can use any way to help you.
- Immanuel (God with us) is not limited to just Christmas. He is with us every day of our life.
- God will rescue you from all of your problems
- Immanuel is something we must keep in our hearts.

Psalms 23:4-6 | Psalms 103:1-5

- David knows that God allows this darkness valley temporarily.
- David knows that God will help him.
- The rod and the staff are the authority from God.
- God is sitting with you in front of the enemies.
- The oil is the anointing from God.
- Never forget the benefits from God and count our blessings.

John 14 | Acts 1

- John 14:26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.
- After we believe in Jesus and have been baptized in water, we must be baptized by the holy spirit daily so we may depart from the spirit of fear and burden because Jesus will not leave us as orphans.
- We need to worship God with all our heart.
 - God will heal your marriage, business, and health with his direction and peace.
- The Holy Spirit is our teacher and our counselor. He will help us.
- Jesus told the disciples to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit.
- We need to have the Holy Spirit because it is the anointing.
- Anointing is God's direction for you.

- If God is with us who can be against us.

1 John 4:4 | Romans 8:33 | Matthew 7:13

- God is the Gate to everything we want and need.
- This gate however is the narrow gate.
- We need to persevere in order to go in.
- When we put in effort to follow God, you will receive God's promise, peace and joy.
- When we abide with God, we need to live by faith and not by sight.
- Before we do anything, we must pray and ask God to guide us and lead us.

How to live in daily Immanuel

- Pray and praise God daily with thanksgiving. (Psalms 103:1-5)
- Read the bible daily. (Joshua 1:8)
- Come to church. (Hebrews 10:25)
- Take the communion with faith, reverence, and repentance. (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)
- Share the gospel. (Romans 1:16)