

*Morning Sermon Outline*  
*December 20, 2015, Matthew 1:18-25*  
*"The Son of God, Jesus, Immanuel"*

1. *Note this passage leaves no doubt about what kind of Person Jesus was and is –*

1. *Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit*

A. *this is first stated as fact-*

**Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: after His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 1:18 NKJ)**

B. *The fact that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit is spoken to Joseph, Mary's husband, in a dream –*

<sup>19</sup> **Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.** <sup>20</sup> **But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.**

**(Matthew 1:19-20 NKJ)**

C. *The virgin birth was a fulfilment of prophecy -*

<sup>22</sup> **So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:** <sup>23</sup> **"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." (Matthew 1:22-23 NKJ)**

"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14 NKJ)

2. *Immanuel, "God with us" means Jesus is God and the Son of God -*

<sup>34</sup> **Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"**

<sup>35</sup> **And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:34-35 NKJ)**

3. *John's Gospel calls Jesus "the Word." He is the eternal Creator of everything, He became flesh -*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.<sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.<sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.<sup>5</sup> And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. (John 1:1-5 NKJ)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14 NKJ)

4. *The Apostle Paul agrees calling Jesus, the eternally blessed God*

**of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen. (Romans 9:5 NKJ)**

5. *Jesus is God and therefore is worshipped as God, so also is the Holy Spirit –*

**"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (Matthew 28:19-20 NKJ)**

*One God / Three Person, the Holy Trinity –*

**WSC 5 Are there more Gods than one? A. There is but one only, the living and true God. (WSC 1:5 WCS)**

WSC 6 How many persons are there in the Godhead? A. There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. (WSC 1:6 WCS)

*Muslims and Jehovah Witnesses do not believe this, they believe one God = One Person. They do not believe God can be more than a man, but they limit God by human limitations. Scripture teaches God is MORE, Greater than human beings, we are created in His image, but He is greater –*

**He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. (1 John 4:8 NKJ)**

*Love involves relationship! God did not become love, God is Love, He always has relationship within Himself!*

II. *Jesus is Named "Jesus" because of what He does –*

<sup>21</sup> "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21 NKJ)

1. *This is something many people do not understand, or comprehend – People don't understand this because they do not understand the heinous nature of sin –*

A. *Sin is a dread disease, it is the root of all sickness*

<sup>4</sup> Alas, sinful nation, A people laden with iniquity, A brood of evildoers, Children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, They have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, They have turned away backward. <sup>5</sup> Why should you be stricken again? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, And the whole heart faints. <sup>6</sup> From the sole of the foot even to the head, *There is no soundness in it, But wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; They have not been closed or bound up, Or soothed with ointment.* (Isaiah 1:4-6 NKJ)

B. *The due punishment for sin is death –*

For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23 NKJ)

C. *Unless we are saved we are already dead, walking dead –*

And you *He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,* <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, <sup>3</sup> among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. <sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), (Ephesians 2:1-5 NKJ)

D. *Ultimately sin will lead to eternity in Hell -*

<sup>10</sup> "he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup> "And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." (Revelation 14:10-11 NKJ)

2. *Jesus takes care of our sin problem by His death on the cross –*

<sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, (Revelation 1:5 NKJ)

III. *In this Jesus is Immanuel, "God with us" –*

<sup>23</sup> "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." (Matthew 1:22-23 NKJ)

1. *God is with us, meaning God is on our side –*

<sup>14</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this for a memorial in the book and recount *it* in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven." <sup>15</sup> And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-LORD-Is-My-Banner; <sup>16</sup> for he said, "Because the LORD has sworn: the LORD *will have war* with Amalek from generation to generation." (Exodus 17:14-18:1 NKJ)

*Why is God so wholeheartedly against Amalek? Because they attacked His people! Because they attacked in a cowardly way!*

2. *God is bigger and stronger than all our enemies –*

Through God we will do valiantly, For *it is He who shall tread down our enemies.* (Psalm 108:13 NKJ)

3. *Our greatest enemy is SIN which dwells in us –*

*God is most with us in this battle with sin –*

For He made Him who knew no sin *to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.* (2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJ)

4. *He is of course with us against Satan –*

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:10-12 NKJ)

5. *Jesus becoming a human being means He shares all our pains and helps us with them –*

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted. (Hebrews 2:17-18 NKJ)

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are, yet without sin.*

<sup>16</sup> Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:15-16 NKJ)

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